

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 9th January 2025 @ 7.00pm
Maryburgh Amenities Centre



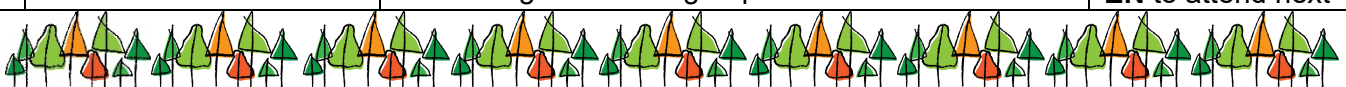
MINUTE of meeting.		ACTION:
1.	<p>Welcomes and Apologies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Ian Fraser Siobhan Fraser Rosie MacLeod Elsbeth Neil Jim Neil Megan Parker (Chair) Gareth Parkinson</p> ▪ Apologies: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Craig Evans Ewan McHardy John MacKay (MAC rep) Donald Stuart (CC rep)</p> ▪ MP welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2.	<p>Approval of minute of 07.11.24 & Review of actions from previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP asked for approval of the minute dated: 07.11.24 Minute Approved by: Proposer: Siobhan Fraser Seconder: Ian Fraser Review of Actions: ▪ There followed a discussion about the felling and removal of the dangerous tree. It was agreed that in the future, consideration should be given to keeping the wood for the sale of firewood. ▪ RMacL informed the group that DS had spoken with MAC's treasurer about online banking. However, they have concerns about the additional costs that this could incur. EN agreed to investigate this further. ▪ EMcH to continue to liaise with Tesco contact to arrange a fundraising table. ▪ RMacL informed the group that there was a huge collection of Ross-shire journal microfiche stored in the Library, which could be investigated for information on the Brahan memory trees. ▪ SF & GP had accessed the online National Records of the Mackenzie Seaforth Family. GP said that there may be specific information about the memory trees which would be worth



	<p>investigating further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was agreed that the group need a researcher who would be prepared to investigate this further. ▪ EN said that originally there were plaques attached to each tree. Therefore, it was suggested that a detectorist could perhaps investigate around each tree to see if there were any plaques buried in the ground. ▪ RMacL agreed to continue to liaise with the artist to arrange the drawing of the woodland. ▪ EN informed the group that she had been in touch with the Hub website creator about updating the site. He said that there are a few issues with the current arrangement; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current Maryburgh Hub website and the theme are out of date, it is not optimised for current web technologies and mobile phones/tablets, so he thinks if you were to do this, you'd need to address this part (probably the ideal time to do it). • He currently pays for the hosting for the Maryburgh Hub, and any upgrade or change he couldn't finance for free unfortunately. ▪ IF said that he would be happy to do some of the required work on the website. EN agreed to contact Graeme to ensure that he is happy with this arrangement. ▪ There followed a discussion about the regular clean up days and how the Group can encourage more members of the community to get involved. It was suggested that group members should approach individuals directly to assist with the clean up days. ▪ The discussion raised the idea of local companies freeing their staff up to volunteer. This idea should be explored further by all members. ▪ SF informed the group that she had attended the i-naturalist online workshop. i-naturalist is an online platform for individuals and groups to share their observations of wildlife and nature. ▪ Projects can be set up on the platform with a minimum of 50 observations. Siobhan has set up our woodland as a location. 	<p>EN to contact a local researcher.</p> <p>EN to contact a detectorist to investigate around the trees.</p> <p>RMacL to continue to liaise with the local artist.</p> <p>EN to continue to liaise with the website administrator.</p> <p>EN to contact Graeme to ensure that he is happy with IF working on the site.</p> <p>All Members to approach members of the community to ask for assistance on the clean up days.</p> <p>All Members to seek companies which encourage staff to volunteer.</p> <p>SF to send around the link for the Maryburgh page and All members to explore the site.</p>
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3.	Signage Designs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group discussed the various ideas for signs which had been put forward. ▪ The following ideas were agreed: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Signage Location, Size, and Content</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Location</th> <th>Size</th> <th>Content</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dunglass Main Path entrance</td> <td>Primary</td> <td>General info: Name, Logo, Contact, Map, MAC, Background</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birch Drive Meeting Area</td> <td>Primary</td> <td>General info: Name, Logo, Contact, Map, MAC, Background</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brahan Estate Gate</td> <td>Primary</td> <td>Wider Path Network information & Heritage background.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rosshill Drive informal path</td> <td>Secondary</td> <td>Basic information & Map</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further suggestions involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Consider accessibility eg. Brail ❖ Text should be routed ❖ Gaelic language ❖ Hooks under the boards for hanging up to date information and announcements ▪ JN agreed to invite the sawmill manager to the next meeting to discuss the materials required for the signs. ▪ Likewise, EN agreed to contact the wood carver to ask for his assistance. 	Signage Location, Size, and Content			Location	Size	Content	Dunglass Main Path entrance	Primary	General info: Name, Logo, Contact, Map, MAC, Background	Birch Drive Meeting Area	Primary	General info: Name, Logo, Contact, Map, MAC, Background	Brahan Estate Gate	Primary	Wider Path Network information & Heritage background.	Rosshill Drive informal path	Secondary	Basic information & Map	<p>JN to contact sawmill owner.</p> <p>EN to contact wood carver.</p>
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4.	SMF WIAT Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP informed those present that the Maintenance grant has now been approved. This grant is now in place for 5 years. ▪ The additional grant applied for which will cover the signage for a 3 year period will be under consideration this month. 																			
5.	Finance & Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For future fund raising it was agreed that the group must have access to online banking. This is especially important when using online platforms like 'Just Giving'. ▪ It was agreed that a group member should attend 	EN to attend next																		



		the next MAC committee meeting to explore how we could go forward with this issue.	MAC meeting.
6.	Beech removal & felling plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group agreed that although good progress had been made on the clean up days, to abide by the timeline in the plan we would have to add additional days to our work plan. ▪ The group agreed to work on the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Saturday 25th January ❖ Saturday 1st February ❖ Saturday 8th February ▪ All members should approach other members of the community to join in on these days with no obligation to attend group meetings. 	All members: approach other members of the community to assist on clean up days.
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other issues were raised. 	
8.	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN to arrange meeting place, date and time. 	EN to contact hall.

