

Sustainable Cupar Fruit and Blossom Minutes

Time and Date: Wednesday 9 May 2018 19.30

Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

Present: Sarah Davidson, Norma Alari, Joy Nicolson, Lindy MacLean, Louise Harvie, Jill Daroch

Apologies: Rob Brodie, Jim McLeish.

	Action
<p>1) Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes agreed by Joy and Norma.</p>	
<p>2) Orchard Walk</p> <p>a) The Scything Bid wasn't successful, feedback was that we needed more volunteers interested in the scything, Scythes could be purchased from the unrestricted funds. We would also need to purchase Kevlar gloves. The cost would be approximately £300.</p> <p><i>Action: Sarah to order.</i></p> <p>b) We have some gardening tools available to loan. We need to make a list of those we currently have.</p> <p>c) Rob has some scything courses running, are we ok to advertise them via Sustainable Cupar?</p> <p><i>Action : Sarah to clarify with the main sustainable cupar group if this would be ok.</i></p> <p>d) Norma has contacted Bob Weston re the pond and whether we should be clearing out the weed. He put her in touch with Johanna Will , Fife Countryside Biodiversity Co-ordinator. Johanna's advice was to wait until Autumn/Winter.</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <p>Sarah</p>

<p>They will also offer advice of what needs to be done.</p> <p><i>Action: Norma to invite Johanna to August's meeting.</i></p> <p>e) Sarah spoke to Bob Bilson about the trees in the orchard, they will need to be kept festooned until the summer pruning.</p>	<p>Norma</p>
<p>3) Elmwood College</p> <p>Rob checked the strawberries and they are looking good. Sarah has pruned the autumn raspberries. Should we weigh the fruit? We've done this previously and it's good to demonstrate how well the plot does.</p> <p>Cuttings for the Moor road, some have taken. The woodland trust give edible hedge plants providing you have the owners permission, would this be suitable for Moor road, given the lack of clarity with regards to who owns the route?</p> <p><i>Action Sarah to investigate if the Woodland Trust would give edible plants for the moor road.</i></p>	<p>Sarah</p>
<p>4) FAB Action plan</p> <p>a) Summer pruning suggested dates 18/19 or 25/26 August TBC</p> <p>b) Liming the community orchard – late summer after the 2nd Scything.</p> <p>c) Pond Clearing – Autumn</p> <p>d) Bulb planting – Ask Johanna for advice in August. For the snowdrops the planting needs to be done soon. Norma will get some on 14/15 May from Monimail who have offered to give us some for a donation.</p> <p>e) Jamboree – 28th July</p> <p>f) Scything – 1st Scything 16/17 June or 30/1st July TBC, 2nd Scything September.</p>	

<p>5) Finance Update</p> <p>We currently have approximately £500 in the unrestricted and £570 in the restricted funds.</p> <p>Current spending plans would be to use £300 from the restricted for the Scything and hold £100 in reserve in the unrestricted in case we want to do more fruit juicing this year.</p> <p>One possibility for the restricted would be to plant some trees at Bell Baxter with a view to the school group maintaining them. This would cost approx. £15 – 20 per tree. This would cost about £200 from restricted.</p>																			
<p>6) Apple Collecting and Juicing</p> <p>This needs to be added to the agenda for next month.</p> <p>Action: Joy to check with Rob re the plans for this year.</p>	<p>Joy</p>																		
<p>7) Minutes and Chair</p> <p>The rotating minutes secretary and chair will work as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Chair</td><td>Secretary</td><td>Meeting</td></tr><tr><td>Joy</td><td>Louise</td><td>June</td></tr><tr><td>No meeting</td><td></td><td>July</td></tr><tr><td>Louise</td><td>Norma</td><td>August</td></tr><tr><td>Norma</td><td>Jill</td><td>September</td></tr><tr><td>Jill</td><td>TBC</td><td>October</td></tr></table>	Chair	Secretary	Meeting	Joy	Louise	June	No meeting		July	Louise	Norma	August	Norma	Jill	September	Jill	TBC	October	
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<p>8) Website and Facebook</p> <p>Laura and Joy will continue to do the Website and Facebook changes for FAB, open for others to volunteer.</p>																			

<p>9) Plastic Tree for the Arts Festival.</p> <p>Louise advised that it will be on the school website. The technical department is hopefully going to make the tree. Children will also make pledges</p>	
<p>10) AOCB</p>	

Meeting closed at: 21.00

Next meeting date: 13/06/2018

Signed:..... Date:

Group Coordinator