

Minutes

Time and Date: 19:30 10th October 2018

Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

Present: Norma, Giles, Sarah, Louise, Bryan, Joan, Lindy, Rob, Joy and Jim

Apologies: Jill Darroch

<p>Rob Brodie chaired the meeting.</p>	
<p>1. Matters arising from previous</p> <p>Minutes: Acceptance of the note of the previous meeting was proposed by Sarah and seconded by Joy.</p> <p>Moor Road: Sarah raised possibility of planting out fruit bush cuttings. Bryan cautioned that it was likely to be impractical or prohibitively expensive or unsightly (probably all three) to provide adequate deer protection.</p> <p>Community Orchard Pond Dredging: Norma reported that Johanna was concerned that the pond was not in Council ownership. It was agreed to await feedback on what Johanna discovers on ownership. Jim separately would seek information from contacts in Fife Council as to what is shown on their systems.</p> <p>If these sources are inconclusive, consideration will be given to commissioning Sasines search which might involve costs in hundreds of pounds.</p> <p>Liming: Bryan advised, is best done in spring.</p> <p>Scything: Was completed successfully on Saturday morning. Joan fell into a hole in the ground in the south east corner of orchard area. Sarah has sown yellow rattle.</p> <p>Winter pruning date 26th January and Wassailing is scheduled for 19th January. A further option for pruning is either 2nd or 3rd February.</p> <p>Joan will seek out a fire pit from Castle Furniture that could be used at Wassailing.</p> <p>Trees to the value of £322 have been ordered, apple, plum and hazlenut. 11 are destined for Bell Baxter and 5 for Westfield nursery. At the orchard, it was agreed that diseased pear trees will be removed and the locations considered for new planting. Still need to purchase stakes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jim</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joan</p>

<p>Giles, Sarah and Rob have all dealt with apple collection enquiries.</p> <p>Juicing has been completed by Rob with press borrowed from St Andrews Mens Shed. 150 litres produced including 100 litres in cider barrel. Further juicing will take place at Rob's on 3rd November – 19 Stratheden Park – timing limited and to be confirmed. 150 litres produced from 200 kg fruit. Selling at £5/3litre.</p> <p>Sarah is liaising on juicing with Westfield Nursery but some concerns expressed on the use of bruised apples. Tree picked washed and rot free apples only. Ascorbic acid addition to maintain colour.</p>	
<p>2. Farmers Market: Happening a week on Saturday 20th October. A number volunteers to help run the stall. Stall is provided free by market organiser. Sarah reported she now had enough apples and had no more room to store.</p>	
<p>3. Elmwood Fruit Cage: Large Redcurrant to be removed. Blackcurrant to go in. Strawberry runners doing well. Horse manure to be rotted. 6 bags of sheep manure being supplied by Joan with two bags for the cage. The raspberries need to be mulched to encourage growth.</p>	
<p>4. AOB: Joy alerted the meeting to the Forestry Commission consultation which has a closing date of 14th October.</p>	

Meeting closed at: 8:54 pm

Next meeting date: 14 November 2018

Signed: **Date:**

Group Coordinator