

FAB Minutes

Time and Date: Wednesday 12 September 2018 @ 19.30hrs

Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

Present: Sarah Davidson; Rob Brodie; Joy Rice; Pat Mitchell; Norma Alari; Bryan Rollo; Louise Harvie

Chair-Norma

Minutes-Rob

Apologies: Jill Dawson; Joan Brown; Debbie Payjack; Lindy Maclean; Jim Macleish.

	Action
1. Minutes from previous meeting approved by Sarah and Rob with one amendment – Date of Westfield Nursery Apple day 29 th October not 29 th August.	
2. It was intimated that the Moor Road Project has secured £4000 of funding for plants, bird boxes, signage and seating.	
<p>3. <u>Community Orchard:</u></p> <p>Thanks to all who helped dig out Hogweed from the Orchard.</p> <p>Scything of Orchard to be on Saturday 6th October 9 till 12ish.</p> <p>Norma to continue to liaise with Johanna Willi , Biodiversity Co-Ordinator, Fife Council with regard to the pond works.</p> <p>Liming of Orchard to be carried out late February or early March.</p> <p>Lots of talk about creating a more diverse Orchard floor (a meadow) and it was agreed that this is a 10 year plan and this year and next we will try various techniques to establish meadow flowers – 1- covering an area with carpet to suppress other plants before sowing seeds, 2- rotovating an area prior to sowing, 3- digging out pernicious plants prior to sowing, 4- following Johanna's management plan – in autumn, cut grass (rough),</p>	Norma

<p>remove hay, and seed. In winter sow yellow rattle (frost germinates). The following spring, the grass to be given a high cut which minimises damage to wildflowers.</p> <p>Sarah to buy 2kg of yellow rattle seeds.</p> <p>Wassail date set for January 19th and Jill to be asked to organise.</p> <p>Sarah has applied to Fife Council locality fund for £488 to purchase plants and tools. She is also going to apply for £250 in case the £488 doesn't come through to a bio diversifying fund which is available.</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <p>Jill</p> <p>Sarah</p>
<p>4. <u>Apple Juicing</u></p> <p>Rob to organise a juicing session in next few weeks.</p> <p>Rob to get in touch with Will Whitfield from Tayport community garden to see if and when their juicing facilities are available later in season.</p> <p>It was agreed we will make more pouches of juice and Rob is to order them.</p>	<p>Rob</p>
<p>5. <u>Fruit Order</u></p> <p>Sarah is to put a tree order in to Appletree Man for the Community Orchard, Bell Baxter School and Westfield Nurture Centre.</p> <p>Sarah is also going to organise a collective fruit tree order for anyone interested in buying a tree or trees. The actual logistics of this isnt clear yet but Sarah will report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>Sarah</p>
<p>6. <u>Fruit Collecting</u></p> <p>Rob drafted an email with regard to abundant fruit in Cupar to send out to the FAB group and it was approved.</p> <p>There was general agreement that it has been a very good year for fruit in the area with special note of huge 'Discovery' apples from the community orchard and a massive increase in pear numbers.</p> <p>FAB are to have a stall at the Farmers Market in Cupar on Saturday 20th October where we can give away any surplus fruit.</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>All</p>

<p>7. <u>Elmwood Fruit Cage</u></p> <p>Rob, Debbie and John pruned the summer Raspberries.</p> <p>Strawberry runners will be taken up to springtime.</p> <p>The cuttings for the Moor Road are to be moved from their place in the cage in the springtime.</p> <p>It was agreed that one of the redcurrant bushes is to be removed and replaced with a blackcurrant.</p>	All
<p>8. <u>Westfield Family Nurture Centre</u></p> <p>There was a hugely successful opening of the Owlet garden with bread made by the children, soup made from the harvest, a new sign made by Norma, apple puree from the trees and a broad bean planting carried out. 40 to 50 people attended the event. The ongoing workday is Wednesday mornings at 10 till 12.</p>	

Next Meeting

10th October, 2018 7.30pm at Cupar Community Fire Station,

Chair Rob, Minutes Jim.

Signed: S. Davidson..... Date: 12/09/2018.....

Group Coordinator