

Fruit and Blossom

Group Meeting Minutes

Time and Date: 09.01.2019

Venue: Sarah and Norma's House (due to Fire Station being unavailable)

Present: Bryan, Giles, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joy, Lindy, Louise, Pat, Sarah.

Apologies: Ele, Norma, Rob.

Meeting chaired by Sarah.

<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>Approved by Joy and Pat.</p>	
<p>2. Wassail – Sat 19th Jan.</p>	<p>In hand. Many thanks to group who met to plan the event. Set up 4pm; Musicians, 4.45; Begin 5pm. Lyrics are printed.</p>	<p>Posters- Pat Musicians – Mike Brazier – Andy; Wood – Norma and Sarah</p>
<p>3. Fruit Order</p>	<p>Received. Many thanks to John for collecting from the Apple Tree Man.</p> <p>BBHS trees to be transported by Louise. Planting planned on 29/1 at 3pm.</p> <p>Westfield trees have been transported by Sarah, and will be planted with the children on 16/1.</p> <p>Community Orchard planting on Sun 13/1 at 10 am.</p>	
<p>4. Moor Road Planting</p>	<p>Silver birch trees have been</p>	

	<p>rescued from site by Tesco (Many thanks to all involved.). They will be planted on the Moor Road Site, along with Scots Pine. Fruit cuttings, taken last year in our fruit cage, will be lifted and planted at the Moor Road. Date of planting: 2nd March, 10.30am</p>	
<p>5. Orchard Walk Pond</p>	<p>Great work has been done at the pond by Fife Golf Trust. Many thanks go to them. Action day at pond on Sat 26th Jan, at 10.30. Volunteers will work with the Amphibian Group, dealing with litter and planting flag irises and marsh marigolds, amongst other things.</p>	<p>Norma will send email reminder</p>
<p>6. Pruning/Liming at Community Orchard</p>	<p>This will take place on Sat 2nd Feb at 10.30, and on Sun 3rd Feb at 1.30. Sessions will last two hours. Please bring secateurs. If poor weather, pruning will also happen w/e of 9th/10th.</p>	
<p>7. Westfield Nursery Project</p>	<p>Wassail at Westfield will take place on 30th Jan at 11.45.</p> <p>FAB have committed to buying seed for the Westfield garden this year. Seed potatoes will be donated by a local farmer.</p> <p>Discussion of long-term sustainability of this project. It has been a great success, but involvement of nursery staff and children has been variable. Current volunteers, Lesley, Morag, Norma and Sarah have committed to continuing their work for 2019.</p>	<p>Sarah to contact Elmwood, re possible involvement in project</p>

	<p>Discussion of possibility of Elmwood involvement.</p>	
<p>8. Cupar Arts Festival</p>	<p>Griselda Hill has offered to work with FAB to create an installation – using ceramic leaves. Discussion of how ‘outdoor-proof’ this idea would be; leading to a discussion of metal installation in the Eden. Decision taken to decline Griselda Hill’s offer for the moment, but perhaps to work with her in the future on another project.</p>	<p>Joan to contact Griselda Hill.</p>
<p>9. Apple Juicing</p>	<p>Thanks to Rob and Anna, and to Will from Tayport for a very successful juicing. 50 pouches of juice were produced. £160 has been raised – with a spend of £73. There are still some pouches of juice available to buy, and some have been given as gifts to those who have helped FAB in various ways in 2018.</p> <p>There was a strong feeling at the meeting that we should be using glass bottles for our juice in 2019, in keeping with the aims of the group. Further discussion to be had at a later date.</p>	
<p>10. Willow</p>	<p>Members of the group are invited to cut willow at Mr McQuitty’s garden – 16th February. This would lead to another willow weaving workshop, offered by Lise Bech. Last year’s workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.</p>	<p>Sarah will confirm date of willow weaving workshop.</p>

<p>11. Elmwood Orchard</p>	<p>The (abundant) fruit in the orchard remained unpicked last year. There was discussion of ways in which this might be prevented in the future. Perhaps there can be an open day, so that local people can pick the fruit? Further discussion of fears that the orchard might be felled.</p>	<p>Pat to approach Elmwood, re possibility of picking fruit.</p> <p>Jim to be asked to look at tree preservation orders for the orchard.</p>
<p>12. Calendar/Planner</p>	<p>Discussion of a FAB calendar – or, more likely a planner – for 2020.</p>	<p>Joy and Lindy will set a date for a meeting of a sub-group to look at this.</p>
<p>13. Future Meetings</p>	<p>Joy will contact the Fire Station, to ensure that the meeting room is booked for our use.</p> <p>Feb 13th Meeting – Louise to chair; Joy to minute.</p> <p>March 13th Meeting – Joy to chair; Jill to minute.</p> <p>No meeting in April, unless it is decided that one is needed.</p> <p>May 8th Meeting – Jill to chair; Lindy to minute.</p>	<p>Joy – to contact Fire Station.</p>

Next meeting date: 13/2/19 at 7.30, in Community Fire Station

Signed: Louise Harvie. Date 02.02.19