

## Sustainable Cupar Fruit and Blossom Minutes

**Time and Date:** Wednesday 13 February 2019 19.30

**Venue:** Cupar Community Fire Station

**Present:** Lindy MacLean, Louise Harvie, Joan Brown Jill Daroch, Sarah Davidson, Norma Alari, Rob Brodie, Pat Mitchell, Joy Nicolson

**Apologies:** Jim McLeish.

	Action
<p><b>1) Minutes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>One correction is needed for the minutes. The correct date for the Moor Road planting is 02 March.</p> <p>Remainder of the minutes agreed by Sarah and Lindy</p>	
<p><b>2) Wassail</b></p> <p>The event went well. The fire was particularly successful and thanks to Andy and Jenny Collins for loaning the firepit for the event. Thanks also to Jill, Pat, Ele and Norma for organising the event.</p> <p>It was agreed that we might ask some of the Children within the group to lead sections of the next wassail. The timing of the event was also discussed with a potential switch to the beginning of February.</p> <p><i>Action: Items to be added to the agenda later in the year</i></p>	
<p><b>3) Fruit Order</b></p> <p>Eleven fruit trees were planted at Bell Baxter High School today. This had been delayed from an earlier date due to the bad weather. Planting at Westfield Nurture Centre had taken place earlier this month and the children had attended. 22 fruit trees have, therefore, been planted this year( including people's individual orders). The cost of the trees was approximately £180 and the additional posts ties, guards</p>	

<p>and bonemeal came to approximately £114. John kindly collected the trees, and the group would like to give him a pouch of apple juice to say thank you.</p>	
<p><b>4) Moor Road Planting</b></p> <p>The planting event is due to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March between 10:30 and 13:00. The group will meet at the entrance to the Moor Road.</p> <p>The group will plant the soft fruit cuttings from the fruit cage. In addition, Joan is looking to purchase packs from the Woodland Trust. Blaeberrries were suggested for planting in the shade, along with gooseberries. There will also be money from the Moor Road project for bench and a statement tree. The location for these can be discussed at the event.</p> <p><i>Action: Sarah to ask Tony Wilson if he has any blaeberrries available.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Joan to ask Alison Milne(Treasurer) to pay for the additional plants from the remaining project funds.</i></p>	
<p><b>5) Orchard Walk</b></p> <p><b>a) Pond</b></p> <p>Fife amphibian and reptile group along with volunteers for Pitcairn, around 20 people in total came to the event. The event was mentioned in both the Courier and the Fife Herald.</p> <p>The group cleared the pond, created two hibernacula and additionally helped clear the lades.</p> <p>Thanks to Norma for organising the event. Remaining actions will be to split the marsh marigolds and plant flag iris.</p> <p><b>b) Pruning at Orchard</b></p> <p>The orchard has been pruned over the two dates. Still left are the following:</p> <p>Kimaron/ Rosturk – Sarah Lunardi – Joy Westfield – Sarah and Norma</p>	

<p>Bell Baxter High School – TBC</p> <p>Monimail may also need some assistance with their Orchard.</p>	
<p><b>6) Westfield Nurture Centre</b></p> <p>£38.98 was spent on seed for the nurture centre garden. This was agreed by those present.</p>	<p><b>Joy</b></p>
<p><b>7) Apple Juicing</b></p> <p>There are 12 pouches left if anyone would like another pouch? Should we use glass bottles for the next Apple pressing?</p> <p><i>Action: Raise the various methods of storage later in the year.</i></p>	
<p><b>8) Willow</b></p> <p>The willow cutting at Mr McQuitty's will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> February 10:30. This will lead to a basket weaving event later in the year.</p>	
<p><b>9) Elmwood Plot.</b></p> <p>Strawberry Runners are available if people want them. The group would like to know what is happening with the Organic Orchard at Cupar Muir.</p> <p><i>Action: Pat to approach Elmwood to ask if the community could pick the apples if they're not required elsewhere?</i></p> <p><i>Action: Ask Jim re Tree Preservation Order guidance ( action from previous meeting)</i></p>	<p><b>Pat</b></p> <p><b>Jim</b></p>
<p><b>10) Planner/Calendar</b></p> <p>Lindy/Sarah and Joy met to discuss the options for a calendar/ planner for 2019. The idea is that rather doing a calendar, they would look at a year planner around fruit growing. That way we could do a larger print run as it wouldn't be specific to a date. The planner would include advice on topics such as planting, pruning, grafting but could also have recipes on how to use or preserve fruit picked throughout the year.</p>	

<p>Joy circulated a form for members to get in touch with regards to handing in information.</p> <p><i>Action: All to think of content which might be relevant to the planner.</i></p>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>11) AOCB</b></p> <p>a) Cupar Now</p> <p>The group is raising Cupar's digital profile.</p> <p>b) CMS Flow.</p> <p>Fife voluntary action is holding training events on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 10:30 and 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30 for the above software.</p> <p>c) The paper straws distributed by Sustainable Cupar's Plastic group have been well received in the town.</p>	

**Meeting closed at: 21.00**

**Next meeting date: 13/03/2019**

**Signed:..... Date: .....**

**Group Coordinator**