

## Sustainable Cupar Fruit and Blossom Minutes

**Time and Date: Wednesday 9 October 2019 19.30**

**Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station**

**Present: Sarah Davidson, Norma Alari, Joy Nicolson, Lindy MacLean, Pat Mitchell, Meg Sloan, Bryan Rollo**

**Apologies: Rob Brodie, Jim McLeish, Gordon Pay, Louise Harvie.**

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1) Minutes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>Rob's surname needs updating to Brodie, but otherwise the Minutes agreed by Lindy and Sarah.</p>	
<p><b>2) Westfield Open Day</b></p> <p>The open day took place last Thursday and went very well, the parents and children had 3 soups, fish pie and apple crumble. Using the apple press from Fife Coastal Countryside Rangers the children made approximately 7 litres of Juice using apples from their own orchard.</p> <p>The volunteer plan for next year is to maintain the number of volunteers (approx. 6 volunteers for 2 hrs a week) and to undertake the following work: Soil Improvement, Cut back the willow, Construct a fruit cage. Longer term the idea would be to make an apple store out of an old stable.</p> <p><b>Action: Pat and or Bryan to look into the supply of compost</b>  <b>Action: A possible frame for a fruit cage to be sourced via gumtree</b></p>	<p><b>Bryan/Pat Sarah</b></p>
<p><b>3) Wassail</b></p> <p>A get together to plan the wassail needs to be arranged, deferred until the next meeting.</p>	

<p><b>4) Orchard Walk</b></p> <p>a) Jim has spoken to Councillor Kennedy and there is a meeting planned for the 5 November 2019. The meeting will update us on the latest news.</p> <p>b) The workday on the 6 October was cancelled due to poor weather. Lindy, Sarah and Norma went to Foodieash on the following Tuesday to pick the apples. November and December dates will go ahead as planned weather dependent.</p>	
<p><b>5) Apple Pressing</b></p> <p>This is due to take place on 20 October at Sarah and Norma's house. Lindy, Joy, Norma, Sarah, Rob, Joan, Alison, Louise have confirmed they will be able to attend. Will from Tayport is bringing his juicing equipment. The pressing will take place all day so if people want to bring food to contribute to the lunch that would be great.</p>	
<p><b>6) Moor Road Launch</b></p> <p>This took place on 22 September and saw the unveiling of the notice boards. It was enjoyed by all present.</p>	
<p><b>7) Wall planner</b></p> <p>It was agreed that October's planner would focus on apples and their storage, the recipes would be for poached pears.</p>	
<p><b>8) AOCB</b></p> <p>Bryan raised that Countryfile recently had a section all about apples and apple pressing, this should be available on iPlayer.</p> <p>Newburgh Orchard still has apples available for community use</p> <p><b>Elmwood College</b></p> <p>Cupar Muir Orchard - Orchard Management is now being included as part of the course at Elmwood, so there isn't a need for our help with the apples at present.</p> <p>Vegetable Plot – They would be keen for us to assist in the summer once the</p>	

<p>students have gone, and have suggested that volunteers helping to maintain the plot could harvest the fruit and vegetables likely to perish such as tomatoes, chillies etc but root vegetables would need to be left for the college to utilise</p> <p><b>Action: Sarah to clarify the details with Elmwood</b></p>	<p><b>Sarah</b></p>
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**Meeting closed at: 21.05**

**Next meeting date: 13/11/2019**

**Signed:..... Date: ..... Group Coordinator**