

Fruit and Blossom Minutes

Time and Date: 14 June 2017 19:30

Venue: Cupar Fire Station

Present: Sarah Davidson, Joan Brown, Joy Nicolson, Rob Brodie, Lindy Maclean, Jim McLeish, Eugene Adams, Pippa?

Apologies: Debbie Payjack, Norma Alari

	Action
<p>1. Stratheden</p> <p>Eugene explained the background to the project. An area of the grounds in Stratheden Hospital is being developed for therapeutic use. FAB has previously been involved in planting fruit trees and providing advice regarding planning. The purpose of tonight's discussion was to look at the next steps for the project and whether FAB could offer any further assistance. Eugene has inherited plants and trees from another ward and advice is needed on where to plant them. The rabbit proof area is progressing. There is funding available for an edible hedge also the option of exploring funding for a community garden. A therapy group is starting in August on a Tuesday/Wednesday between 16:30 – 18:00. The estate manager has also agreed the cutting regime.</p> <p>Those present suggested that set action days might be a way to encourage volunteering, and there was some concern that planting could take place at the wrong time.</p> <p><i>Action: Rob to check the rabbit proof fencing and give planting advice with regards to the inherited plants.</i></p> <p>Eugene left the meeting</p>	Rob
<p>2. Fife Pupil Support Services</p> <p>Fritha explained the background to the service, that it supports looked after children, those who have been excluded from school and also young offenders. Whilst the service doesn't necessarily need support there could be opportunities for collaborative work, Pippa is also keen that the two organisations are aware of each other's activities in the same area so that the activities undertaken</p>	

<p>complement one another. Joan suggested there could be some project work on the Moor Road that the service could undertake. There's also activities such as litter picking and removing the laurel by the pond that the two groups could work together on. One issues would be that the activities would need to take place during school hours, where as most FAB volunteering takes place at weekends or evenings due to members work commitments.</p> <p><i>Actions: FAB and Fife Support Services to continue to work collaboratively where possible.</i></p> <p>Fritha left the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Orchard Walk</p> <p>The table in the orchard has been subject to graffiti, It's suggested that it is reported to the community police.</p> <p><i>Action: Sarah to raise the issue with the local police.</i></p> <p>Members to think of any additional ways we can handle this issue and also the continued problem of litter and dog poo along the walk.</p> <p>Grass is submerging the wild flowers but the council has not yet got back to Sarah with regards to cutting the south side of the Orchard. It was therefore proposed that a Scything workshop (led by Rob Brodie) be held. A provisional date for this would be 24th June.</p> <p><i>Action: Rob to send an outline of the day</i></p> <p>The sewage issue has re-occurred recently. The manhole cover has been raised and there was toilet paper around the manhole.</p> <p><i>Action: Jim to report to Councillor Kennedy</i></p> <p>Disappointingly someone has taken all the Fritallaria Heads which means the chance of them increasing will be reduced.</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <p>Rob</p> <p>Jim</p>
<p>4. Fruit Collection</p> <p>Rob, Sarah, Joy and Janet all expressed an interest in collecting the surplus fruit. A meeting has been arranged for July.</p>	

5. Next Meeting

It's proposed the July meeting is canceled with the next meeting taking place in August. All Agreed.

Next meeting date: 09 August 2017 19:30 , Fire Station Millgate KY15 5EE

Signed: sarah davidson **Date:** 07/08/17.....

Group Coordinator