

## MINUTES OF FAB MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015

Present : Giles Christian, Rob Brodie, Laura Rigon, Joy Rice, Sarah Davidson, Lindy McLean, Bryan Rollo and Norma Alari.

Apologies: Nicki Allison, Erica Benson, Keith Benson, Debbie Payjack, and John Anderson

### Orchard Walk

Meeting this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug at 3pm (for one hour) to pull out Himalayan Balsam. Also to carry out summer pruning.

### Benches/Boards/Bulbs

Erica, Sarah and Norma met with Dave McKean, woodworker at Pillars, Falkland. An order for three benches was placed and these will be installed by Dave within the main orchard. Cost £350 per bench, total £1050 with a deposit of £300 agreed. Sarah suggested setting up a workshop, with children and adults to come up with ideas for words on a fruit theme which could then be carved onto the benches. The workshop could be alongside Sustainable Cupar event at the YMCA on 21<sup>st</sup> November this year.

We were reminded that Fife Council can supply three benches for placement along the walkway.

Interpretation boards – much discussed – we need to write our ‘script’ first; decide the content; decide the placement; agree a cost; include a QR code; decide to have double sided board with a glass door. All for discussion at next months meeting.

Bulbs – more bulbs are required e.g. snowdrops, aconites, daffodils, bluebell, fritilaria and primrose.

Money available for the above projects are= Signs £1500, Seats £2000 and Bulbs £300.

### Wassailing

24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was agreed. Invites will extend to a fiddle player and a local ceilidh band for the evening event.

### Orchard Walk (part two)

Plan ahead – pruning Jan/Feb 2016 ( to avoid trampling crocus) and summer pruning this Sunday ( this years long growths will be cut back by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> at least).

### Elmwood Plot

Remedial work will be required to renew wire supports for the raspberry canes. Some strawberry blight occurred, possibly due to dampness/rain. The red currents were prolific as were blackcurrant and Josta berries. The re-shaped entrance is much improved (thank you John) and weeds are fewer thanks to mulching. Strawberry plants will need to be renewed as will some raspberry canes.

### AOB

Jamboree – volunteers?

Preserve Book – should we attempt to draw up a calendar of recipes?

#### Site Visit

After the meeting everyone walked down to the orchard and discussed the best site for the benches. Sarah will invite Ian Barbour (Fife Council) and Dave McKean to visit the site to discuss grass cutting and forming a path from the entrance towards the seats. Sarah to arrange a meeting with iain Barbour (FC) and Dave McKean (making our benches).

Next FAB meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 7.30pm at the Fire station .