

susMINUTES OF FAB MEETING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Present: Erica Benson; Giles Christian; Alison Milne; Nicki Allison; Sarah Davidson; Norma Alari; Lindy Mclean; Bryan Rollo; Rob Brodie

Apologies: Debbie Payjack; John Anderson : Joy Rice

Minutes of last meeting approved.

GUEST - for the first part of the meeting, Eugene Adams, health care worker from Stratheden Hospital, (acute psychiatric child and adolescent unit) outlined his vision for the creation of a natural therapeutic environment in the grounds of Playfield House. At present, the land (to the rear and side of the building) is grassed and underused. Eugene would like to develop these areas into a 'therapeutic environment' which can then be accessed by the patients/clients, carers and staff.

He asked if FAB would like to be involved – affirmative. Sarah will contact Eugene to arrange a site visit with interested members.

ORCHARD WALK – Sarah and Norma had met with Dave Mckean (woodworker at Pillars) and Ian Barbour (Fife Council) at the orchard to discuss the placement of the new benches, further tree/shrub clearing and creating a path/walkway into the orchard. Dave advised against installing seats under the oak tree as this would damage the roots and the seat supports would be liable to movement due to the roots. Ian was very amenable to providing help from Fife Council in the creation of a path and cutting turf in the area where the benches will be sited (volunteers will be required to lift said turf and infill with bark around the three seats). It was agreed not to infill the path with bark.

Two further site visits are planned, with Ian Barbour and the members of FAB

24th September, 3 pm – to discuss the exact route of the path and placement of the benches.

7th October, 3 pm to discuss tree/shrub clearing.

FRUIT TREE SURVEY – Crispin Hayes has intimated that money may not be available to pay facilitators and volunteers for this year's tree survey. Rob will contact Crispin to arrange his training and we may try to survey the Orchard walk this year.

ELMWOOD – Review of this season was favourable. Some remedial work will be needed around the raspberry canes. Strawberry plants should now be removed and new plants should not be planted in the same spot.

Next meeting 14th October 2015 7.30pm Fire station