

MINUTES FAB MEETING 11/11/15 CUPAR

Apologies – Andy Collins, Norma Alari.

Present – Sarah Davidson, Jim Mcleish, Rob Brodie, Lindy Maclean, Laura Rigon, Erica Benson, Keith Harding, Bryan Rollo

1. Orchard walk benches – designs for benches 1 and 2 discussed. Sarah and Norma to see Keith Gorman in Edinburgh to finalise designs – also bench 3 discussed and design accepted in principle. All designs will be sent out to FAB members before acceptance of design for etching on benches. Cost for the etching for all three benches (including design will be between £200 and £300), benches cost £1050 for the preparation of wood and installation. We are within budget.

Sarah informed everyone that the council have put two benches in place along Orchard walk. Turf has been removed where the benches will be installed and the turf from the orchard has been used around the cement plinth for the council seats. The council have also done tree work at Orchard walk.

2. FAB will be featured on an information board in the centre of town. Everyone agreed that the board looked really good. Sarah to look into our copy being mounted for us by Signfx company in Cupar.
3. Rob spoke about the Orchard survey. Everyone now trained and surveys are starting. High vis SC vests given out to all volunteers. Expences discussed – no word yet from Crispin Hayes about when/ how the money will come into SC account.

Keith Harding will look at the community orchard plan/map of fruit trees and look at possible designs of the information for the FAB boards. Sarah to send Keith information and photo of Newburgh Orchard diagram.

4. Stratheden – Eugene asked us to send possible dates for meeting with Elmwood, Stratheden estates, Eugene Adams and FAB – Sarah will do. Discussion re possible problems with deer and rabbits at site. Rob has priced sources for hedging and Sarah has looked at Tweed apples for Scottish fruit trees. Rob found that the Woodlands Trust - we may be eligible for free hedging. No ordering will be done until we meet at Stratheden, date for FAB group to meet re possible plan for site to be arranged
5. Elmwood – Rob has started the rasps pruning. Need to repair the rasp supports. Date to be arranged.
6. Dates needed for Orchard pruning and mulching, care home trees pruning and Letham school tree pruning. The school have some funds to plant more edible hedging, Anna and Norma to discuss with headmistress.

SC Xmas stall – 28th Nov volunteers needed – contact Jenny 01334 657957 to arrange. FAB theme – RSPB campaign to get all builders in Fife encouraging wildlife in new building campaigns and also offering a fruit tree with new houses. Sarah to arrange.

7. Cupar Art's festival discussed (June 2016) – we have been approached by Sarah Gittins.

About whether we would like to be involved in her art work – we would have to fund raise £1000 to pay her for being in the Cupar Arts festival sponsored by us. Asked Sarah to come to next meeting to discuss with everyone. She has been working on Hill of Tarvit orchards. Also discussed whether Lindsay McGregor (local poet) could be involved in this in some collaborative work. Sarah to email Sarah Gittins. Jim Mcleish knows the work of both people and thought this a good idea.

NEXT FAB MEETING DECEMBER 9TH 7.30PM FIRE STATION