# Minutes FAB

# Time and Date: Wednesday 14th February, 2018 @ 19:30hrs

# Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

# Present: Giles Christian (Chair); Jill Dawson (Minutes); Norma Alari; Joan Brown; Louise Harvie; Jim McLeish; Lindy McLean

# Apologies: Rob Brodie; Joy Rice; Sarah Davidson.

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved by Joan Brown and seconded by Norma Alari.**
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| 1. Actions from previous minutes:
2. Jim has approached Jane Crockett at the Lighthouse re receiving apples from FAB. She said their stocks are now used up so they could take more. Norma may take a small donation.
3. Wassail at the Community Orchard Sat 27th Jan 4.30pm went well. Next year to consider later start or earlier in month, to time the event closer to dusk as it was still daylight at 4.30pm.
4. Elmwood’s apple tree orchard at Cupar Muir. It was suggested that an attempt be made to get a preservation order placed on these trees. Jim to investigate the legal procedure for this.
5. Willow cutting event Sat 17th Feb 10.30am. Directions have been emailed. Bring secateurs, gloves, strong footwear. A basket weaving session linked to this would need to be over 2 days – not arranged as yet.
6. Community Orchard Pruning event Sun 18th Feb 10am. Also three plum trees to be planted. Norma will bring stakes. Path raked by Norma and dog poo cleared.
7. Elmwood plot. Strawberries have been delivered for planting.
8. Community Orchard.

The soil was still slightly acid when last tested (5.5 to 5.7). Jim to look into doing a soil acidity test prior to liming. Bryan has suggested it should be limed probably in March/late Spring after the bulbs have flowered.1. Westfield Nursery. Wassail on Wed 7th Feb at 11.45am was well attended – 25 adults with their children with 2 volunteers.

Wed 28th Feb, late morning - the thornier fruit trees to be moved.Potatoes to be planted when Council have delivered soil.1. Plum trees – delivered by Rob to Norma. (Also see agenda point 4.)
2. Other pruning in town. The trees by the Angel have been pruned a few weeks ago, except the plum, which has since been pruned by Joy.
3. AOCB
4. Cupar in Bloom.

Joan has spoken to Pat Mitchell and offered an ‘edible’ planting e.g. fruit bushes. Westfield Nurture centre is a possible location. It would be a way of usefully using funds. This year however, Cupar in Bloom are going to be too busy with internal reorganisation.1. AGM – Probably April. Jim to look into possibility of arranging a talk by Steve and Carol Huddon: ‘Turning the Tide on Plastic’.
2. Borough Chambers Open Day - Sun 25th Feb. Jim to email details.
3. Cupar Festival in June. Contact is Margaret Robertson – Joan to speak with her.

Theme is ‘Eden’. Fruit Group may be involved – ‘ugly fruit tree’ theme again? Any other ideas? A tree serpent? Offer the space for an installation in the orchard by an artist or designer?1. Ferryfield Development. Joan advised that the Trustees met with Cala Homes and delivered a 32 point plan for sustainable development.
2. ROTATION OF CHAIR/MINUTE TAKING

March: Jill to chair and Sarah to take minutes.April: Sarah to chair and Joy to take minutes.May: Joy to chair and Louise to take minutes.June: Louise to chair. | **Norma** **Jim****Jim****Jim****Jim****Joan**   |
| **Meeting closed at: 8.35pm****Next meeting date: Wed 14th March, 2018**Jill to chair and Sarah to take minutes.**Signed: S Davidson ................................................ Date: ....................** **Group Coordinator** |  |