# Minutes FAB

# Time and Date: Wednesday 14th December 2016 @ 19.30hrs

# Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

# Present: Sarah Davidson; Joy Rice; Rob Brydon; Norma Alari and Joan Brown

# Apologies: Debbie Payjack; Jim McLeish and Lindy McLean

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved by**   **Sarah and Joan** |  |
| 2 **Sewage problem within orchard**  It was decided FAB would work with local councillors (eg Councillor Margaret Kennedy) in expediting this issue. Jim Mcleish will liaise with Scottish Water, SEPA, SNH and any other interested bodies with the aim of resolving the sewage problem. FAB are aware of the recent ‘contamination’ within one of the lades as reported to SEPA by Gavin Johnstone of SNH. | **Jim** |
| 3 **Pruning 2017**  Dates for pruning are as follows:  22nd January  5th February  26th February  All days start at 11.00 – 13.00.  Sarah will invite Rab Thomson (Buckhaven) and Bob Bilson (Strathkiness) to lead on two pruning days.  4 **Liming of the orchard**  Date unconfirmed for liming the orchard floor – but should be done before spring.  5.**Wassailing 14th January 2017 17.30**  To be discussed further at next meeting.  6. **Info Board**  The board is finished and will be installed soon. The group ok’d purchasing a table to be installed within the seating area of the orchard. Further fruit trees will be purchased with money remaining from the Localities Award.  7 **National Orchard Survey**  Rob gave an overview of this project and a reminder to volunteers to complete their surveys.  8 **Apple Juice**  FAB is aware that so much fruit is not harvested and all of us could name gardens/public spaces where fruit is left to rot. To that end, Rob has volunteered to lead on a project whereby unwanted fruit could be juiced or used in other inventive ways.  **AOB**  Joan asked if FAB would be interested in helping to plant approximately 30 tree whips of mixed species (hazels, wild cherry and rowans), and will advise us on dates.  Thanks go to Rob for samples of fruit juice; Joan for pickled plums and sweets from Joy. | **Sarah**  **Discuss on 11th January 2017**  **Rob**  **Joan** |

**Meeting closed at: 21.00**

**Next meeting date: 11th January 2017. Cupar Community Fire Station at 19.30 – this is short FAB meeting before the Sustainable Cupar meeting.**

**Signed: I.S.Davidson Date: 08012017**

**Group Coordinator**