# Minutes FAB

# Time and Date: Wednesday 14th September, 2016 19.30

# Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

# Present: Bryan Rollo; Debbie Payjack; Lindy Mclean; Sarah Davidson; Joy Rice; Rob Brydon; Norma Alari

# Apologies: Keith Harding, Erica Benson and Joan Brown.

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved by**   **Lindy McLean and Jim MsLeish** |  |
| 2 The Orchard :  a) Sewage - Sarah gave details re the continuing problem with sewage leak. Once again various official bodies were re-contacted. Scottish Water did a site visit and say that blockage cleared. Jim to draft a freedom of information letter to be sent to Fife Council in order to get some answers.  b) Liming – Bryan to measure the area and work out cost. Trees will require feeding Nov/Dec and post pruning, mulching. Mushroom compost is not advised as it releases nitrogen which feeds leaves and not fruit.  c) Buglife – The biodiversity officer for Fife Council (Johanna) advised cut back common hogweed at least twice yearly. Cutting will take place late spring after bulbs have flowered and leaves have had long enough to restore the bulb underground.  d) Bulb Order – Lindy and Sarah will pull together this years’ order to the value of £300. Once again, we will ask Monimail for a supply of snowdrops. Sarah to forward dates for planting when stock arrives.  e) Himalayan Balsam – Much discussed, as always on this subject. To pull or not to pull…? We were made aware of a 3 year + project looking at how to control non-native species in the Eden waterway.  Rob delighted us with extracts from a copy of ‘The Culinary Handbook’ by Adele Nozedar (1839) in which there are recipes using Himalayan Balsam.  FAB Website  Joy suggested setting up a discussion forum and she will find out how to set this up.  Dog Poo  Officers from Fife Council, responsible for monitoring dog fouling and other things, visited our site recently. They agreed there is a need to patrol this area which they will do.  Joy to purchase ‘Poo Fairy’ posters and will be reimbursed accordingly.  National Fruit Survey  Rob gave the group an update on outstanding sites remaining and the pairings.  Playfield House at Stratheden  Update on recent tree planting at this site – unfortunately one tree has died (Rob to discuss this with plant grower) and unfortunately grass cutting has been carried out too near the trees wiping out the comfrey and walking onions. Some staking has been required as this is a very windy site. Question – should and could FAB continue to be involved in the further management of this site?  Calendar Recipes  FAB members have been keen for some time to publish a calendar of recipes - Lindy has volunteered to lead this project (thank you).  Notice Board  Work on the text and the images is nearing completion.  Monimail  They are having an apple day on the 29th October to which everyone is invited. | **Jim**  **Sarah**  **Bryan**  **Joy**  **Joy**  **Lindy Norma Sarah Judy Anna Rob**  **Lindy**  **Jim Sarah Keith Laura Norma** |
| Next Meeting  Next meeting will be October12th at 19.30 at Cupar Fire Station. |  |

**Meeting closed at: 21.30**

**Next meeting date: 12/10/16**

**Signed: S Davidson ................................................ Date: 10/10/16.....................**

**Group Coordinator**