# Minutes FAB

# Time and Date: 14/03/2018

# Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station Chair Jill Dawson

# Present: Sarah Davidson, Norma Alari, Joan Brown, Louise Harvie, Jim McLeish, Joy Rice, Jill Dawson, Debbie Payjack, Giles Christian, Bryan Rollo

# Apologies: Lindy McLean, Rob Brodie.

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. Minutes from previous meeting approved by two members.

(one change to be made section 9. re plum tree at angel not pruned yet – pruning will be done by Joy in summer) | **JB****GC** |
| 1. Orchard walk – Successful pruning event on Sun 18th Feb. 3 plum trees planted.

Discussion with Roger Honeyman of Fife Council led to the cutting down of growth round pond. He would like us to think of a management plan ongoing, possibly a job for comm. ed volunteers. Some discussion re pond, Sarah discussed with the group that she had been informed that the reed in the pond helps with pollutants. Norma to contact the amphibian group in Fife and the Coast and countryside rangers. It was decided to lime again in the orchard after the scything event late summer. Sarah informed the group that the council is to lift the pile of branches and to leave us some shredded bark on the other side of the path. This will reveal the area in which the fritillaries are planted. Sarah to organise getting well rotted manure and feed for young fruit trees. It was decided to get Blood, Fish and Bone. Jim to keep us updated re sewage issues. |  **NA****SD****J.McL** |
| 1. Elmwood Plot

Rob has bought and planted the strawberry plants and used bone meal as feed. Invoice given to SC treasurer for £22.75.1. Elmwood Organic orchard – Jim to look at how to apply for TPO
2. It was decided that instead of the April FAB meeting we would try and attend the SC AGM on the 19th April. So next FAB meeting is on May 9th. Sarah to chair in May, Joy to take minutes. In June – Joy chair, Louise minutes, July – no meeting, August – Louise chair, Norma minutes, September – Norma chair
3. Cupar Arts - 23rd June – theme is “Eden”. Sarah may have source of photos of wildlife and suggested these could be used. Discussion re using willow. Sarah to contact Lise Bech, the willow weaver re summer willow weaving workshop. Jill to contact Anna Kinross re possibility of doing another “Plastic Tree”. Sarah to send photo of plastic tree to Jill.
4. Willow cutting went very well and future weaving workshop in hand.
5. Westfield nurure centre – pruning done on 14th March – Sarah and Rab attended to this unfortunately discovered lots of canker. Next garden group meeting 28th March 11am
6. Giles discussed SC having a stall at the Cupar justice and Peace group – date to be confirmed
7. FAB report for AGM – six topics decided on, Joy to collate. Photos and small written report to be sent by 23rd March. Calander – Joy, Wassailing – Jill, Apple pressing – Giles, Pruning – Sarah, Willow weaving – Joan, Scything – Jim. Louise suggested Rab and Tony have pictures on their facebook page (Rab and Tony’s Orchard Diary)
 | **JMcL****SD****JD****SD****GC****JR,SD,****GC,JB****JMcL,JD** |

**Meeting closed at: 20.50**

**Next meeting date: 09052018**

**Signed: S Davidson Date: 15032018**

 **Group Coordinator**