# Minutes FAB

# Time and Date: Wednesday 8th February, 2017 @ 19.30hrs

# Venue: Cupar Community Fire Station

# Present: Sarah Davidson; Rob Brodie; Jill Dawson; Lindy McLean; Jim McLeish; Andy Collins; Norma Alari; Jenny Collins; Joan Brown; Joy Rice; Bryan Rollo and Allison Mill

# Apologies: Debbie Payjack

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved by Rob and Sarah**   **Correction from last meeting – point 8 and Stratheden Hospital :- Rob, not Sarah, will liase.** |  |
| 2 **Volunteer Book Keeper**  Joan introduced Anna, who has volunteered to be assistant book keeper for SC.  At this point Jenny, Andy, Allison. Joan and Anna left the meeting to discuss job description. |  |
| 3 Orchard Walk  Money remaining from grant totals - £172.70 of which £60 is due to Rab Thomson (pruning event). It was agreed to purchase additional fruit trees. Sarah will complete an evaluation form re how the grant money was used.  4 Pruning Day with Bob Bilson  Norma gave feedback on what was achieved on the day – pruning and shaping was carried out along with shared experiences and tips. Bob will return in August for further pruning/festooning.  FAB will arrange a date to visit Strathkinness orchard this spring.  5 Wassailing 2018  Volunteers were requested to organise next year’s wassail. Jill has expressed an interest.  6 Sewage  Jim appraised us of progress so far – Margaret Kennedy, local councillor, has taken up this issue, and the matter is being investigated by Scottish Water Flood Investigation Team.  7 Dog Fouling  This continues to affect all users of this area. It was suggested that a barrier (eg chick wire and thorny plants) could be installed thus preventing dogs entering from the street (fire station side).  Plan of action -Joy will work on notices. Poo sticks and/or spray paint to highlight the poo when FAB have a work day event, e.g. 29th April. Discuss at next meeting.  8 Grass Cutting  To be done in May, organised by contacting Fife Council.  Scything – Rob may be able to offer training sometime in the future.  9 Future Fruit Tree Planting  Much discussed – where to buy ie from supermarkets, nurseries or specialist growers? Sarah will do costings.  **10 Liming of the orchard**  Sarah will order and store the lime – she will notify members date for spreading.  11. Pruning and sundrie matters  Pear trees – Joy and Sarah to complete as well as removing one tree.  Flag Iris will be planted.  Bark from Fife Council to be requested.  Dung is required along with blood bone and fish meal.  Future tutorials – do we need any more? Are we confident to manage the orchard ourselves?  Elmwood Plot , 26th February – pruning work to be done - strawberry plants to be removed and replaced with …?  Westfield Nursery – pruning. Bryan to discuss on going needs with teachers.  It has been noted that at Ross Turk Nursing Home an extension is in progress - possibly where FAB planted fruit trees.  Willow harvesting event – several FAB members will be involved.  12 Tree Planting on Moor Road  This event will take place on Sunday 12th February 12 noon. All participants to meet at car park (cemetery).  13 Orchard Survey  Rob had no new information to give but is interested to pursue the possibility of creating a product from apple pressing.  14 Calender - Sub Group  Lindy requires recipes and photographs of finished produce etc. Could these be submitted preferably by 14th June.  This is a large project for one person, so volunteers are being sought from the membership of Sustainable Cupar to assist in this project. Anyone who has experience in publishing, printing, photography/graphics, please step forward, or nominate a friend!  AOB  Friday 17th February, some SC members will meet with Stephen Gethins MP.  Next meeting will be chaired by Rob Brodie. On the 8th March 2017 730pm at the community fire station. This will be a joint meeting with Sustainable Cupar. | **Sarah**  **Jil**  **Joy**  **Sarah**  **Sarah**  **Joy**  **Sarah**  **Bryan**  **Sarah** |

**Meeting closed at: 21.00**

**Next meeting date: 8th March 2017 at Cupar Community Fire Station at 19.30**

**Signed: ....................................................................................... Date: ............................................**

**Group Coordinator**