MINUTES OF FAB MEETING 10TH September 2014

VENUE: Cupar Fire Station

PRESENT: Debbie Payjack; Laura Rigon; Bryan Rollo; Nicky; Sarah Davidson and Norma Alari.

APOLOGIES: Karen Nicholls; Joy Rice; Andy and Jenny Collins.

Sarah chaired the meeting**.**

**FRUIT ORDER**

Nicki will co-ordinate the fruit order for this year, to be completed by November also issue a press release. Posters advertising the order, will be distributed by Bryan. Possible sites to set up a stall could be the Health Centre at the Adamson Hospital (Sarah to check if possible). This event could coincide with the annual flu’ vaccination programme (Debbie checking dates). Another site could be a farmer’s market, although it was felt the cost for a stall was not justified.

**APPLE PRESSING**

Date for this event is 26th October at Orchard Walk, 11am/3pm. Karen Nicholls is the event organiser.

Volunteers are required between the hours of 10.30/4pm (to set up and clearing up). Time slots will be agreed nearer the date. Joy to carry out a risk assessment, as done for previous event.

Table (not wall-paper pasting tables) will be sourced by Sarah. We also require gazebo’s. The group discussed using some apple juice for cider making.

**HILL OF TARVIT EVENT 5th October**

Do we want to participate this year?

**BULB PLANTING AT ORCHARD WALK**

It was decided not to plant any more bulbs this year but take photographs circa Jan/Feb to assess gaps and other potential sited for future plantings.

**ELMWOOD PLOT EVENT 14th September 2014 11am-12am**

This is a maintenance day and work required to be carried out is net mending/ cuts back strawberry plants/ pot up soft fruit cuttings. Volunteers for the day are –Nicky and family; Joy; Laura; Debbie; Sarah and Norma.

Sarah informed the meeting that the fruit picked over the summer from our Elmwood plot amounted to:- Strawberries 12.5kg; Raspberries 13kg; Redcurrents 10kg and Blackberries 5kg. Blueberry yield was too small to weigh as was the Josta Berry.

**ORCHARD WALK 4TH NOVEMBER, 14.00**

Sarah has arranged to meet with Ian Barbour, (Fife Council) and Bob Weston (Coast and Countryside Ranger) at Orchard Walk to discuss the role of FAB with regard to the groups ongoing involvement in the management of this area. Other members are welcome to go along. FAB regularly carry out maintenance of its many fruit trees as well as litter-picking; clearing rubbish from the lades; erecting bird and bat boxes and clearing Himalayam Balsam.

The forthcoming maintenance day, 16th November, FAB members will approach some local organisations for volunteers, eg local Scout groups (Nicky to do).

**AOB**

The members were shown a press release draft letter from Karen Nichols regarding the continued picking of un-ripe fruit from the orchard, by person or persons unknown. The group had no objections. A laminated copy of this letter will be tacked onto our notice board at Orchard Walk. Nicky not present at this item.

Meeting closed at 21.15.

Minutes compiled by Norma Alari.