**MINUTES OF FAB MEETING 13TH JANUARY 2016**

Present: Jim McLeish; Erica Benson; Keith; Lindy Maclean; Bryan Rollo, Sarah Davidson; Norma Alari (minutes).

Apologies: Nicky Allison; Rob Brodie; Giles and Thelma Christian; Joy Rice

Orchard Walk – Bark has been placed around the three benches, our thanks go to Fife Council for their help and support on this project. Money is available to order tables to complement the site – suggestion to etch a knife, fork and plate on the table. And possibly a bowl of fruit.

Notice board – Keith had images of notice boards and he will sketch up some ideas for the next meeting eg map of the area, FAB history and orchard walk history. (Suggestions welcome from members). Some work is required to source makers of signs along with costings. It is hoped signs will be in situ this year.

Cupar Arts Festival – This event will take place this year at various venues throughout Cupar. FAB would like to use the walk and orchard in conjunction with this event and will discuss with Gail Nelson, co-ordinator of the Arts Festival our contribution.

Apple Survey – Time sheets are required from volunteers. New orchards along with grid reference numbers can be submitted to Rob Brodie.

Letham Primary School The school has £100 to spend on soft fruits which must be thornless and ready to harvest during school term. Bryan and Norma will meet with the headmistress to discuss this.

Kilmarron School – Sarah will source a pear and plum tree for them.

Stratheden Project – A few members met today and drew plans of the site. We will await further contact from Stratheden.

Tomato Plants – Bryan will sow tomato, pepper, courgette and cucumber seeds to be ready by middle of April. Once again, volunteers will be required to sell plants.

Compost – The group were made aware that compost and manure is available from Monimail (they charge for this).

Sewer/effluence within the Orchard – This continues to be a problem FAB welcomes suggestions how best to alleviate the problem.

Wassailling - Saturday 24th January 16.30 at Orchard Walk.

Tables are required for cakes, cups and flasks. Eating and drinking as we go. Sarah will source a fire pit. Tea-lights in jars will be laid along the entrance to the event. Cards and string to be available for messages. In order to awaken the trees everyone should bring something to make a noise (musical instruments or pots).

Emma from Monimail will fiddle. Traditional songs for Wasselling ala Orchard Walk will be sung (compulsory) along with poetry.

**AOB**

Sarah will prune fruit trees at care homes.

Westfield Nursery pruning will be carried out by Nicky, Bryan, Erica and Keith.

31st January is our next pruning date for Orchard Walk, may be combined with Elmwood if enough volunteers arrive on the day.

Next meeting 10th Feb 7.30pm Fire station