



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Steering Group Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 31 August 2005, 10am

Pullar House, Perth & Kinross Council

Present:	Martin Price (Chair)	CMS, Perth College
	Alison Anderson	Dundee City Council
	Pam Coutts	Angus Council
	Doug Flint	Perth & Kinross Council
	Ruth Harland	Scottish Rural Property and Business Association
	Martyn Jamieson	Scottish Field Studies Association
	Carol Littlewood	FWAG
	Catherine Lloyd	TBP
	Serge Merone	Perth Quality of Life Trust
	David Mitchell	SNH
	Mark Simmons	Perth & Kinross Council
	Merrill Smith	Dundee City Council
	Mike Strachan	Forestry Commission
	Carolyn Warwick	SNH
Apologies:	Bruce Anderson	RSPB
	Alan Hendry	SEERAD
	Janice Hendry	SWT
	Richard Lockett	FWAG
	Jo Long	SEPA
	Uwe Stoneman	SWT
	Bryan Harris	Dundee City Council
In Attendance:	Angela Paterson	CMS, Perth College

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies As above.	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6 May 2005 Minutes agreed	
3	Matters Arising All matters covering in Agenda. Sub Group Leaders to reference to what is in minutes and show where progress has been made.	
4	Sub Group Leaders Reports	
4.1	Woodlands – Mike Strachan Domestic livestock in woodlands scheme now up and running; Capital project for woodfuel to be launched in next 2-3 weeks at workshop; Juniper Research monitoring started; Small plant cow wheat. Tree preservation problem ongoing with Local Authorities	

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	<p>Last round farm management contracts, 15 schemes being considering. Woodfuel Officer has been appointed, Dan Gates. Morrice Millar working on engineering side and promoting that. Someone working on Biomass in SET in Dundee, seminar to be proposed soon.</p>	
4.2	<p>Farmlands – Carol Littlewood (copy of report attached)?? Groups has not met since last meeting. At summer visit, no Sub Group leaders turned up.</p>	
4.3	<p>M price – Heritage crops – focus on heritage animals from last minutes</p> <p>Uplands – M Jamieson</p> <p>Martyn Jamieson is now Chair of the Upland Group. Hoping to resume group soon (year since last meeting) Been at Kindrogan only since April 05.</p> <p>Note from previous minutes (4.3) M Price had meeting with Scottish Executive and SNH re linking biodiversity in the uplands. End result, proposal to Rural Land Use Working Group scoring study to be done. M Price to write a proposal for the study. M Price will keep updated at next meeting</p> <p>Angus Consortium on sheep tic fence – M Price not yet done. D Mitchell believed Stewart Roberts dealing with? D Mitchell understand large part of fence has now been erected. Deer Commission also aware of this. M Price asked M Jamieson to report on this at next meeting. P Coutts will get update for S Roberts and put note in minutes.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>C LW</p> <p>CL CLW BA</p>
4.4	<p>Water & Wetlands</p> <p>Apologies given from Jo Long</p> <p>9 November workshop to go ahead at Birnam Institute – Solutions for Roads and Fish. SEPA to design booking forms, J Long working on. 75 – 100 participants hoped for, free workshop.</p> <p>C Lloyd and J Long to meet to go through first part of review.</p> <p>D Mitchell – Esk Fisheries board area, moratorium on killing 1st May net, 1st June roads has resulted in best run for salmon, increase 800 – 1000%.</p> <p>C Lloyd, next time Water and Wetland meeting Marshall? To visit and let them know what happening (Esk River)</p> <p>RLUWG – inform them about seminar (JL/CL), John Henderson</p>	
4.5	<p>Estuaries & coasts – David Mitchell</p> <p>Relaunched on 18 May, well attended. Large number of NGOs there.</p> <p>2 Projects identified as flagships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re establish breeding tern colonies along Angus Coast. 1st successful breeding potential new colony at mouth of South Esk. 2. Census of birds of Tay Estuary area, numbers/important sites, etc – possibly to be carried out next summer. <p>Tay Reed Beds, major dispute ongoing as to ownership., D Mitchell attended meeting</p>	
4.6	<p>Urban Group – Alison Anderson</p> <p>One meeting since last Steering Group, next one due on Friday in Dundee when they will look at 1st tranche actions and project list</p>	

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4	<p>Invasive species meeting 21 September, M Smith dealing with. Red Squirrel project awarded £25k from Biodiversity Action Fund for 2 years.</p> <p>Swift Project in Angus, survey/mapping where breeding, meeting to be held on 15 September.</p> <p>PKC Wild Flower banks in 3 parks, ongoing.</p> <p>The (Myling?) old railway site,new project</p> <p>M Smith fund Community Regeneration Fund; funding to local communities, decided they wanted to fund an Urban Range for Dundee.</p> <p>Road signs for squirrels, question from C Littlewood – contact Tayside Contracts in Blairgowrie</p> <p>Forestry Commission considering red squirrel watching areas for Tayside. M Strachan to get their officer to meet with /Forestry Commission.</p> <p>C Lloyd Perth lade project looks hopeful and survey almost finished, council taking further.</p> <p>4.7 Education – Catherine Lloyd (report attached)</p>	
5	<p>Website/Publications</p> <p>1st quarter update done to website; any comments on website to go to C Lloyd.</p> <p>SITA information to be included on website.</p> <p>Planning leaflet in final draft form at the moment: 1 Households, 2 Developers</p> <p>Planning Manual, C Lloyd needs new contact at Dundee. C Lloyd still needs case studies, M Strachan will provide information re trees. C Lloyd been visiting Councils to get information.</p> <p>Cairngorms leaflet done, CL been liaising with other areas doing biodiversity leaflets.</p> <p>Website was launched on 20 May (check) at Perth College and we had good press coverage.</p>	
6	<p>2nd tranche project report</p> <p>Not updated since copy sent out with last minutes. CL will progress once SITA fund up and running, CL to get back to authors and update, get on website hopefully by end of year as a draft consultative document.</p> <p>If you want to apply for SITA funding, have to note reference to national HAP or local. May be incentive for groups to work on HAPS and SAPS.</p>	
7	<p>BARS</p> <p>Input has been delayed so CL can go round all Sub Group Leaders and ensure all SMART enough for BARS, already met 3 sub group leaders.</p> <p>Once all the information put into BARS (got one more month to do), Lead Partners need to SMARTen actions, be involved as well as sub group leaders.</p> <p>Deadline for input is end of September.</p>	

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	<p>End October BARS will be looking for response on actions., All actions to be sent to SGLs. Lot of actions difficult to set targets, Take out Statutory ones being done already by different organisations and work on remaining to be disseminated to lead partners.</p> <p>MP 1. Annual report shows lot In bio but how many relate to TBAP. Need to think what is added value, differentiate between</p> <p>3. Is there a mechanism for feedback bad to BARS re reporting method. CL discuss at LBAP officers meeting in Lewis.,</p> <p>MP good news, admin help provided by PKC will hep CL to input BARs info.</p>	
8	<p>LAGS C Warwick.</p> <p>Details at Stirling and Cairngorm grants scheme. SNH contribute small amount of money to bigger pot. Assessed by sub group of LBAP or grants department and co-ordinator (in Cairngorms) In principal SNG happy to contribute, suggested £10K in 1st year but applicants put in funds as well. Meet niche for smaller scale community projects MP – could this be added to SITA pot? Could this money be used to match SITA money? Discuss at meeting group (ADD TO AGENDA)</p>	
9	<p>Review of Local Nature Conservation Sites</p> <p>MP received letter from COSLA request for comments , working group set up. Consultative period ends end September. Contact for draft guidance: Robert Nicol, robertn@cosla.gov.uk. Need to try and make link between LBAP and this. Angus council Planning department responding.</p>	
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>0405 final accounts circulated. 6750 clarified and that all councils give same contribution.</p> <p>Income & Exp to July 05</p> <p>Core budget – unallocated spend at the moment. DF/CL will manage this. £1774 per sub group + £270 from previous Forestry Commission contribution.</p> <p>AP still to raise £1k invoice</p> <p>£9,509 Angus and Dundee, relates to a VAT issue</p> <p>8350 PKC+ £3K contribution to planning manual. MP to get letter to ? Adamson – CL to get info to MP</p>	
11	<p>SITA</p> <p>M Price reported that the application forms and guidance notes were agreed this morning with the Perth Quality of Life Trust. Reassured that the Fund is Tayside wide. Launch will be on 12 September at 12 noon, Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth; everyone invited (let Serge Merone know).</p> <p>In general, projects will be from £500 to £50,000; all applications to PQLF to check meet landfill criteria; forwarded to C Lloyd; report to Management Team PAP; advise Trustees which projects recommended and amount. £100K for 1st 3 years, may be more available in future years. Maps in process of being completed, M Strachan has this in hand.</p> <p>D Mitchell asked, from the list of projects, how many are already eligible? C Lloyd still receiving proposals, will update and circulate; 47 received so far. No details yet of how many are eligible.</p> <p>M Price commented on the fact that we would encourage projects to get match funding in place.</p> <p>At next Steering Group Meeting (24 November 2005) will be able to tell which projects are being put forward (PQLT meet on 6 December so will not be confirmed until then).</p>	

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12	<p>Forward Plans and Priorities C Lloyd Key Outputs form is available. Contact CL if you would like a copy. Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAPS/HAPS for consultation 2. SITA 3. Planning Manual 4. Review of 1st tranche 5. BARS to be included in priorities also <p>M Strachan: consultative document on conservation forestry strategy is now out, available online or M Strachan will forward copy to anyone interested. Public meetings will also be held. Deadline is end September. www.forestry.gov.uk, Scottish Forestry Strategy.#</p>	
13	<p>AOCB David Mitchell, who has been involved in the TBAP since the beginning, will be resigning from the Group as he is shortly moving to Cardiff. M Smith and M Price expressed their thanks to David for his input to the Group.</p>	
14	<p>Next Meeting 24 November 2005, 10am – approx 2pm. Please note that this meeting will be held at Forfar Academy (directions will be issued with Agenda)</p> <p>The meeting was then followed by a short meeting about Local Record Centres.</p>	