



## TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

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### URBAN SUB-GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2008  
at Jamesfield Organic Farm, Newburgh

PRESENT: Alison Anderson (AA) Dundee City Council  
Catherine Lloyd (CL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership  
George Potts (GP) Dundee CRS  
Ann Lolley (AL) BFEP  
Carolyn Deasley (CD) SNH  
Kate Baird (KB) SEPA  
Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ER-N) Perth and Kinross Council  
Craig Borland (CB) Angus CRS

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Pam Coutts (PC) - Angus Council, Ian Ford (IF) - Broughty Ferry Environmental Project	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting were agreed.</b> <b>Matters Arising</b> None	
3.	<b>ZOOM</b> AA brought a sample pack along to the meeting. Group were pleased with the results. Group agreed to formally launch the pack on the back of the Courier feature which would be during the week before Biodiversity Week. AA to change communication plan accordingly. AA to send copy of communication plan to Heather Kinnin (SNH) who is dealing with the Courier Group agreed that postcards would be given out before the Courier feature, but packs will not be distributed until after the feature. Issues of how to get packs to other venues to be resolved. Postage to be approx £1.40 per pack. AA to speak to DCC re posting out through mail system and recharge to Sustain Dundee. AA to set up e-mail account. Group agreed that SCRI appropriate for BB walk on 25th May. CD to contact SCRI to set up meeting to discuss / plan walk. AL enquired if there was funding to reimburse the costs of the bags and volunteer expenses. AA to investigate. Group agreed to send contribution of £100 to Nick Owens for his superb illustrations. AA to organise.	AA AA AA AA
	<b>Group thanked SNH for providing the majority of funding for project and design/production of the leaflets, BFEP was also thanked for supplying the bags (as well as the original idea!) and the volunteers who worked so hard on packing the packs.</b>	
4.	<b>Priority Actions- updates</b>	
i)	<b>USG1 – Urban Red Squirrel Initiative</b> Funding gained to extend the post until October 2008 from DCC, AC, Forestry Commission, and Sustain Dundee. Application in with Gannochy Trust for £5,500. AA now trying to unravel SRDP to see if there is any hope of funding post October. CD to give AA SNH contact. AA to approach Mike Strachan.	AA/CD
ii)	<b>USG2 – Acoustic Ecology</b> Complete - grassland management element now in USG4.	

- iii) **USG3 – Greenspace, Community Gardens and Allotments**  
 Booklet produced (3000) - good feedback. Distribute to allotment holders in Tayside. CL to speak to Peter Sandwell in DCC. **CL**  
 Distribute via new Duntrune Demonstration Garden and Barnhill Rock Garden in Dundee.  
 Some surplus funding - idea to produce bookmark. Group decided to leave surplus and use for further copies if needed.
- iv) **USG4 – Urban Grassland Management**  
 Angus - roadside verge surveys are needing to be done, but there is no-one to do them.  
 PKC - conservation verges (signage(?) which could be common to all verges in Tayside). TBAF have funded a BB meadow in Coupar Angus at Largham Park. Also meadow in Crieff, McCrusty Park.  
 DCC - BFEP working with DCC on four areas in Dudhope Park. Awards for All grant applied for, for training staff.
- v) **USG5 – Invasive Species Project**  
 AA reminded group members that there was a seminar planned for 23rd May to talk about the Dightly.  
 CB reported that the strimming of Himalayan Balsam before seeding was working well at reducing the plants distribution.
- vi) **USG6 – Green/Living Roofs**  
 Dusty Gedge has confirmed that he is willing to run a seminar in Arbroath in November. **CL**
- vii) **USG7 – Local Patch Project**  
 No update
- USG7a - ZOOM / Bumblebees**  
 see item 3
- viii) **USG8 – Sand Martins in Tayside**  
 Reports that the Sand Martins had returned to BF and Forfar.
- ix) **USG9 – Urban Watercourse Initiative**  
 None
- x) **USG10 – Tayside Town Swift Project**  
 CD to pass on report on artificial nest sites (AA included this in previous minute under USG8) to CL. **CD**  
 AL reported that the swift poem was being transferred to a T shirt.
- CL reported that a student placement from Dundee University will be working on setting up a database of records, as well as encouraging more sightings, will also possibly do walks. CL meeting on 29th April. **CL**
- xi) **USG11 – Green Kirk and Graveyard Initiative**  
 CL reported that there were 36 participants at the seminar on 8th March. CL to do 3 follow-ups on potential projects (could be as many as 24). **CL**  
 Angus to have seminar in summer 08 and Dundee in autumn 08.  
 Church in Broughty Ferry have £10,000 to start project. CL to put Theresa Lynn from DCC in touch. **CL**
5. **Matters arising from the Steering Group - March 2008**  
 AA reported that an update on the SRDP was given by CD.
6. **AOCB**  
 BFEP are having their AGM on 15th April - all welcome. Hoping for 60-70 people.
7. **Date of next meeting**  
 10.30am, Monday 23rd June 2008 at Forfar Loch, Forfar.