



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

c/o Dundee City Council, Leisure and Communities Department, Floor 13, Tayside House, Crichton Street. DD1 3RA.
E-mail: tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net; Website: www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

URBAN SUB-GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st January 2008
at Camperdown Mansion House, Dundee

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
	Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ER-N)	Perth and Kinross Council

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies Pam Coutts (PC) - Angus Council, Craig Borland (CB) - Angus Countryside Rangers, Kate Baird (KB) - SEPA, Ian Ford (IF) - Broughty Ferry Environmental Project	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting were agreed. Matters Arising None	
3.	ZOOM AA reported that the SNH designs for the materials were coming on. Examples were available for members of the group to view. Comments were noted and will be passed on to the designer. In addition, AA has e-mailed out designs with varying degrees of success - comments needed asap. Other materials (seeds, badges, books, lip balm) ready to be packed. Group thanked BFEP volunteers who have kindly offered to assist. CL and AL to organise convenient times. AL to estimate cost of postage for each pack. Launch of project - various times. 19th/20th April - Dundee Spring Flower Show 19th -25th May - Biodiversity Week (BB walks by Bumblebee Conservation Trust) CD to follow up 25th April - Dundee Botanics Open Day Media Feature in Courier - SNH to organise (idea to feature picture of bag contents) Community Events / Gala Days in each area - members of group to send info to AA	AA/ALL AL/CL CD CD ALL
4.	Priority Actions- updates	
i)	USG1 – Urban Red Squirrel Initiative AA reported that the Red Squirrel Project for Tayside was going well. Ideas developed in Dundee including the 'Meet the Neighbours' campaign was being rolled out across the region. Sign up to the project was extremely encouraging. Funding being sought to continue the project past April 2008.	
ii)	USG2 – Acoustic Ecology Delivery of DVD's imminent. Training carried out for Groundsmen in park re wildflower meadow. Ground prep done and seeds available. Group agreed that signs needed to alert public to meadow areas. Group recommended that this project now be reassigned to USG4 as USG2 element now complete.	AL
iii)	USG3 – Greenspace, Community Gardens and Allotments CL reported that major revisions by AA and PC gratefully received. Funding still needed - CL looking for £200 from each LA.	CL

- iv) USG4 – Urban Grassland Management**
 CL reported that 70 people attended the grassland seminar in Perth. Enthusiastic meeting organised in Dundee on back of seminar.
 Project now to include Dudhope Park Dundee from USG 2.
 CL reported liaison underway with Angus Council Roads Dept.
 CL reported that progress being made with PKC too.
- v) USG5 – Invasive Species Project**
 AA to write letter of thanks on behalf of group to Angus Council re Baldovan House. **AA**
 Dightly seminar in Biodiversity Week on 23rd May will highlight the issue. Invites will be distributed nearer the time **AA**
- vi) USG6 – Green/Living Roofs**
 Dusty Gedge has confirmed that he is willing to run a seminar in Tayside this autumn. **CL**
- vii) USG7 – Local Patch Project**
 No update
- USG7a - ZOOM / Bumblebees**
 see item 3
- viii) USG8 – Sand Martins in Tayside**
 AL reported that the sand martin nesting banks at Broughty Ferry had been cleaned out and overhauled by the management group from BFEP in readiness for this years breeding season.

 CD reported that a sand martin nesting bank had been built in Clackmannanshire and it would be useful to them if BFEP made contact to pass on lessons learned.

 CD undertook to pass on a report on artificial nest sites to CL.

 AL showed the group poems on swifts produced by her local poetry group.
- ix) USG9 – Urban Watercourse Initiative**
 CL has put HAP on website **CL**
- x) USG10 – Tayside Town Swift Project**
 Dundee (Countryside Rangers / BFEP) to organise a gathering for volunteers in April. **GP/AL**

 CL showed the group a prototype swift nest site marker. Group felt this would not be useful for Tayside.
- xi) USG11 – Green Kirk and Graveyard Initiative**
 CL reported that the workshop is planned for 8th March 2008 in Perth and Kinross **CL**
 BFEP reported that St Aidans now have funding and will be going ahead with the project. **AL**
- 5. AOCB**
 GP reported that the Countryside Ranger Service will be following up the Dundee Bat Project by encouraging bat volunteers to keep surveying.
- 7. Date of next meeting**
 10am, Monday 14th April 2008 at Jamefield Organic Farm near Newburgh.