

TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP
URBAN SUB-GROUP MEETING
21ST APRIL, 2004
PERTH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY.

In Attendance : Pam, Alison, Doug, Catherine, Craig
Apologies : David, Kate

1. Minutes of last meeting read and agreed.

2. Matters arising from minutes.

- i) Red squirrel strategy circulated by Alison.
- ii) Trapping of grey squirrels has commenced at Downfield golf course. Monitoring on impact on grey/red squirrel population ongoing.
- iii) Swift project continuing. Perth and Kinross housing department have boxes ready to erect. Monitoring continuing in Angus. Existing swift sites to be located in Forfar over summer.
- iv) Sheltered Housing project continuing. So far project has been a success with positive feedback received from all involved.
- v) Lidl project has received final go ahead from new Lidl area manager. First planting to take place in June/July.
- vi) Possible osprey platform at Forfar Loch. Research into pros and cons of project will take place over summer/autumn will any work scheduled to take place winter 2004/2005.

3. Invasive Species Survey Dighty Water

- i) Project has a joint lead by Dundee City Council and Angus Council. Aim to monitor whole of the Dighty Water for presence of Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam during summer 2004. This new survey will update/expand on a survey carried out by Dundee Rangers in 1994. Dundee City spray hogweed in areas with public access. Unknown if Angus Council have a similar policy. **(Craig will check with environmental and consumer protection for next meeting).**
- ii) Surveys of Dighty Water to be carried out as follows:-
Angus Council Ranger Service Dronley-Downfield, Dundee Boundary. (involvement sought from Strathmartine Nature Action Group).
Dundee City Ranger Service/Parks. Downfield-Trottick-Douglas+Angus (involvement sought from Dighty Burn volunteer group)
Craig Borland. Douglas - A92 as part of National Bat Monitoring Survey.
Angus Council Ranger Service – Monifieth stretch.
- iii) Survey to be completed by October, 2004. Draft management plan for control/eradication of invasive plants to be completed before October.
- iv) Survey information to be sent to Pam for plotting on map. **(Craig and Pam will meet to discuss mapping/project involvement before next subgroup meeting.)**
- v) Standard survey sheet to be used by all recorders. **(Craig will draw up survey sheet by early July and distribute to all parties involved.)**
- vi) **Alison to compile hogweed proforma for next meeting of subgroup.**
- vii) Sources of funding to be investigated for future control of invasive plants. Potential sponsors to be sought as well as interested groups would may be interested in helping with future surveys/controls. FWAG/Abertay University/Michelin put forward as potential partners.

4. Subgroup membership.

Doug indicated that his workload will not permit him to attend subgroup meetings on a regular basis. He indicated that Esther Rogers-Nicol may represent Perth and Kinross at meetings in future. Meeting locations to be rotated between councils.

5. Any other Business.

- i) Eco-Churchyard video available from Perth and Kinross for any who wish to view it.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 23rd June, 2004

**Location. Forfar Loch Country Park Visitor Centre, Craig o'Loch Road, Forfar.
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