

Tayside Biodiversity Partnership



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URBAN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT WORKING-GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday, 26th June 2014

Hillcrest Housing Association, 1 Explorer road Dundee DD2 1EG

Present: Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ERN) Chair (Perth & Kinross Council)
Catherine Lloyd (CL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Co-ordinator
David Williamson (DW) Perth & Kinross Council
Janice Fraser(JF) Hillcrest Housing Association
Carolyn Deasley(CD) Scottish Natural Heritage
Tim Caselton(TC) Angus Council Ranger
Andrew Law(AL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

	Heading	Narrative	Action
1	Welcome and apologies	ERN welcomed everyone. Apologies had been received Danielle Muir (DM), Ian Ford (IF), Kelly-Ann Dempsey (KAD) and Craig Borland (CB), Bill Grigg(BG) ,Fergus Cook(FC), Kate Baird (KB), and Ann Lolley (ALol).	
2	Minutes and matters arising	ERN had circulated the minutes from the last meeting for information, and these were accepted as an accurate record. Most matters arising would be covered by the agenda.	
3	Project proforma review and updates	These were examined in some detail, with copies circulated at the meeting. Below is a synopsis of the more important details, new headings adopted, where proforma have been amalgamated <ul style="list-style-type: none">Green/Living Roofs Some minor amendments made to the proforma AL to note changes proposed Some discussion about SMART targets, suggest maybe aim for 25 green roofs by 2025, especially in extension area north of Perth? Also introduce a new SMART target of actively engaging with developers- in the same area- DW to provide AL with wording to best describe the area	AL DW

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		<p>proposed for targeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Bee-Wild Project Tim Caselton has had involvement with site near Kirkton Industrial Estate- to give talk to Architects Department in Angus on Biodiversity. CL and AL to update SMART targets to read “work with 2 health providers to mainstream....., to increase wellbeing” etc, and then scope of this to be widened after a couple of years • Helping tree sparrows in Tayside villages Carol Littleton has made some changes. CL has asked for an application to be lodged with the Angus Environmental Trust for their September meeting. Need to add in the Tay Landscape partnership projects which include Tree Sparrow boxes. Targets need to be shortened as some of the information is more the form of a project brief. CD to speak with Sandra re Bioblitz • Zoom in 2 CL to contact Universities (Tayside Colleges/Dundee Uni+UHI to see if media studies students might participate+ perhaps put this on Facebook. CL/AL to discuss if this might be feasible to start at beginning of Autumn term. • Going the Whole Hog Rearrange information to give a better fit • Tayside Swifts Mapping should be identified as one of the SMART targets. Information to be reorganised to give a better fit • Urban Greenspace Rearrange targets/information to give a better fit • Urban Bats CL to ask Craig to consider the format of this for when he returns in August, in the meantime this is in abeyance until he returns to work • Biosecurity Initiative CL to speak with Louise Bond @ SEPA to see where the most important focus will be, and where we can make a difference- i.e. translate national to local CD also to speak to colleagues at SNH to see what actions are being taken • Overall- AL(with input from CL) to update all proforma to the new format • CL to transfer information from the existing LBAP to create first draft of action schedule for Urban Group 	<p>AL</p> <p>CL/AL</p> <p>CL/AL</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CL/AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>CL/CB</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CD</p> <p>AL</p> <p>CL</p>
4	Proposed Landscape & Species Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Barbour has suggested landscape statements consisting of 1 paragraph+ photo to describe different areas such as Angus Glens, Carse etc- A lot of information could come from the Tay Landscape Character Assessment, other useful information to do this might come from the Angus Wind-farm capacity study. There is also the Perthshire study which Graham Esson is currently doing, CL to ask him what stage this has got to. • It would be proposed to publish the consultative draft in piecemeal fashion on the website/Facebook, likely to start with water and wetlands sections • Species Statements- Stephen Sinclair has been pursuing different organisations regarding what information they have in relation to their own actions in Tayside(such as the Butterfly Conservation trust, Buglife etc), so that we can include this information in the LBAP- is quite hard to summarise, but also quite interesting. Deadline end of July. 	<p>CL</p>

5.	LBAP re-write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Sinclair has been précising things, but has not got far enough. CL will have to do this, timescale now likely to be the end of July • AL will consolidate species lists in the next couple of weeks (by 10 July) 	CL AL
6.	Report back on Projects/ New Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift Conservation Trust in Kirrimuir- just about to go to print with leaflets (next week) 	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD suggested that once all proforma have been updated they should be circulated to all to allow for any additional input from anyone, most specifically, those unable to make today's meeting. 	
5	Date & venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Atholl Palace Hotel Pitlochry Friday 26th September 12.30 	ALL