



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

WATER AND WETLANDS SUB-GROUP MEETING

2.00pm - Tuesday 24 September 2002
Scottish and Southern Electricity, Pitlochry

MINUTES

Attending: Alastair Stephen, Catherine Lloyd, Iona McDonald, Jenni Browne & Jo Long

1. Apologies: Christine Hall, John Whyman, Ross Gardiner, David Summers

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

All actions were followed up – thanks very much to everyone for carrying out their actions in time for the publication and launch seminar.

3. Brief Resume of Biodiversity launch at Battleby and W&W workshop (CL, JB)

The W&W workshop went well, with good interaction and some good feedback from other organisations. No planners attended – more communication with them will be needed for the councils to take on board LBAP thinking.

It was noticed that the number of launch attendees from industry was quite low. There should be more contact once ‘the business of biodiversity’ is published – Catherine still needs more business related case studies if anyone has any.

4. Brief Report on Scottish Biodiversity Week events, Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Fair and Dundee Flower Show stands (CL)

Both went well and were very busy. The SWCF in particular gave Catherine an opportunity to speak to other relevant groups.

5. Implementation of 1st Tranche HAPs and SAPs: priority actions & projects

AS presented a proposal for an LBAP project, based on the idea of ‘salmon in the classroom’, which he has previously run with great success. It fits into the age 5-14 curriculum. AS is presenting the proposal to SSE for possible support, and SNH are endeavouring to secure some funding if the project goes ahead. TDSFB could be asked to provide the eggs, and SEPA should be able to help with classroom visits. Coral Bell (P&KC) to be contacted for possible ‘ecoschools’ to be approached for involvement.

ACTION CL/JL

AS to circulate full details in around a month once SSE have responded to the proposal.

ACTION: AS

Invasive species were discussed, Japanese knotweed in particular: IM suggested the Tay pSAC as an opportunity to address the issue. It was thought most appropriate to target a tributary of the Tay initially, but first need to establish exactly where and how extensive growth is in order to identify a suitable tributary with supportive landowners, and justify an eradication programme.

How much resource is available from each organisation?

ACTION: ALL

New UK guidance on eradication techniques is thought to be available. JL to pass to all once found.

ACTION: JL

Everyone should now be looking to carry forward actions for their organisations can be carried forward, especially those with 2002/3 deadlines.

ACTION: ALL

The monitoring of progress on actions will be discussed at the next steering group meeting, so more details will be available in December.

6. 3rd Tranche HAPs - preparation and projects

Not discussed due to time constraints, but hard copies of the second tranche consultative drafts were circulated for comments – to be passed to Catherine by 30th November.

ACTION: ALL

JL to send copies to those not attending.

ACTION: JL

7. Date and format of next meeting

Next meeting to be arranged for early December.