



**TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP
MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Wednesday 5th August, 2009

Perth College

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Present:

Martin Price (Chair) (MP)	CMS, Perth College
Jin Park (Secretary) (JP)	CMS, Perth College
Catherine Lloyd (CL)	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
Pam Coutts (PC)	Angus Council
Bryan Harris (BH)	Dundee City Council
Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ERN)	Perth & Kinross Council
Syd House (SH)	Forestry Commission

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0	Syd House (SH) from the Forestry Commission kindly attended this meeting to share his views. We started the meeting with two items to which SH could contribute.	
1	<p>TBP beyond March 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefly went through what was agreed at 1 May meeting with three Councils (e.g. CL will be employed by one council, and a joint agreement will be signed to share responsibilities, especially relating to employment.). - ERN, PC, BH confirmed their councils' views on the future of the Partnership; All three are supportive and positive but need information from each other to sort out practical matters such as CL's office space in Perth and Kinross, and paperwork such as a legal agreement; Also pointed out the time-consuming process to get access to money. - A supporting package will be prepared before 21st August to present to Council committee meetings, to include: a report on the benefits of biodiversity (CL); draft agreement (or models of similar agreements); budget 2010/11 including admin cost (BH); report from the meeting on 1 May; recent Minister's letter about biodiversity duty. - SH briefed how SRDP money is being spent and gave some insights into how to be more in line with SRDP: try to emphasise economic benefits of biodiversity as well as environmental and be more focused on specific schemes rather than blend projects; upland afforestation will be an interesting area to venture. Recommended Nick Mainprize as a mediator for funding mechanism brainstorming. - SH pointed out a need for being able to produce more specific outcomes in terms of species, and the potential for better linkage between SRDP and TBAP priorities, especially when the TBAP is revised in 2010. - Council representatives considered that TBP is capable to cover specific issues, and obtain funding from SRDP, through one of the partners. - SRDP-LBAP linkages to be discussed at next Steering Group meeting. 	<p>CL/ BH/ PC/ ERN</p> <p>CL</p>
2	<p>Cairngorms/Tayside LBAP overlaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some uplands in Angus are already in the Cairngorms National Park (CNP) and much of upland Perthshire will be included, probably in 2010. The two Councils will contribute to the CNP. - CL will maintain communications with the CNP; she already liaises with the two LBAP Officers in the Cairngorms and regularly recommends CNP grants to upland TBP enquirers. There will be a greater need for communication as time goes on – and a need to run a joint Upland Discussion Day in early 2010. 	

3	<p>SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund</p> <p>a. Project Assessment Panel Two applications have been submitted but deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>b. TBAF Application Guidelines Finalised and now available on the website.</p> <p>c. Publicity Reporting and Feedback CL will have to keep checking with DC and chase partners, especially RSPB, to make sure that SITA being mentioned and acknowledged.</p>	
4	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING on 19th May 2009 Agreed.</p>	
5	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biodiversity Advice Notes have been completed and disseminated. Also available on the Website. - Annual Report has gone to the SNH; no feedback received yet. - CL drafted Five Year Achievement Report and will amend it based on feedbacks from this meeting (e.g. new title, tables to summarise data, appendixes for detailed information, adding a section about publications, implying economic benefits throughout the text) and circulate to all (including SH) for comment. 	<p>CL</p> <p>All (inc. SH)</p>
6	<p>WORK PROGRAMME/CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT <Priorities 2009-10></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Promote awareness and enhancement of biodiversity in Tayside - Attended a large number of events and exhibitions, particularly around the Tayside Biodiversity Festival dates in May; will attend Dundee Flower Festival in September. - Wide visibility in the local and National press and media. <p>→Co-ordinate, support and maintain the TBP Steering Group and deliver Sub-Groups, outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Report 2008-09 prepared and circulated. <p>→Water & Wetlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensuring that the Perth Lade project is taken forward; attended next stage of Tayside Loch Project meeting <p>→Coast & Estuaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the group is now meeting regularly; worked with Perth and Kinross Ranger Service to ensure the Wader & Wildfowl Audit goes ahead (via student placement). <p>→Urban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discussed potential for Tayside Invertebrate Project with different project groups and communities; organised Swift Gathering at Scone in May; supported Sand Martin Interest Group; Community Gardens, Orchard & Allotment booklet still being circulated 50-100 per week; Remaining ZOOM In2 cameras will be circulated at Dundee Flower festival and also among schools; Awareness of living roof potential is gradually growing. <p>→Woodland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Wild Harvest Seminar and Orchard Evening (extremely useful for networking); Orchard 800 project being proposed as part of the Perth 800 celebrations in 2010: huge potential (MP asked to include Perth College); new Orchard Project Officer started. <p>→Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three lunchtime seminars arranged for PKC with different audience; prepared and arranged printing of third "From Summit to Sand" newsletter in time for the Biodiversity Festival; already planning ahead for the 2010 Tayside Biodiversity Festival (David Boag is 	

	<p>keen to return; Dundee Sensation keen to be included again; will interview student placements for assistance and make sure the programme is printed and distributed as early as possible); a student placement is updating Listing of County Recorders and planning the Tayside Recorders' Forum page for the updated website.</p>	
7	<p>TBP Website - A completely new website is being finalised and will be circulated to Steering Group next week; this has created a lot of work, but the site is being transformed. Planning official launch in Dundee City Library on 2nd November; a Venezuelan student placement from Dundee Uni input is providing very professional assistance. (CL) - A good example of student internship being successful. (MP)</p>	
8	<p>FINANCES BH has brought a copy of budget 2009/2010/ Overall, we are still on budget. CL summarised subgroup spending.</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday, 9th November 2009 at Perth College</p>	