



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

STEERING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2005 AT 10.00 AM

BOARD ROOM, COUNTY BUILDING, ANGUS COUNCIL, FORFAR

Present: Martin Price (Chair) CMS, Perth College
 Catherine Lloyd TBP
 Carol Littlewood FWAG
 David Mitchell SNH
 Pam Coutts Angus Council
 Liz Garson SNH
 Carolyn Warwick SNH
 Mark Simmons Perth & Kinross Council
 Jo Long SEPA
 Merrill Smith Dundee City Council

In Attendance: Angela Paterson CMS, Perth College

Apologies: Mike Strachan Forestry Commission
 Jo Lenthall Scottish Biodiversity Forum
 Alison Anderson Dundee City Council
 Alex Anderson Angus Council
 Alan Hendry SEERAD
 Andrew Williams Scottish Field Studies Assoc
 Uwe Stoneman SWT
 Stewart Roberts Angus Council
 Doug Flint Perth & Kinross Council
 Bruce Anderson RSBP

1	Apologies As above	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting on 27 April 04 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters Arising M Simmons reported that the Tayside Biodiversity Exhibition at Perth Museum finished mid January. This had been very successful Visitor figures were in the region of 22k and positive feedback had been received. The exhibition panels are now available for anyone who has a unit to hold them. SNH could possibly consider getting such a unit. M Smith to get details to C Lloyd for costings. Uses suggested: Tayside House, SET, visitors centres, rangers centres.	MS CL
4	Minutes of Workshop on 26 October 2004 The workshop was discussed and it was agreed that it had been a successful day with a good turnout and contributions from all participants. M Price stated that we need to ensure that we make the link to Community Planning. The new Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 will hopefully make everyone think more about biodiversity issues. Agreed the following organisations should be involved: NTS: Richard Luxmoore will speak to rangers at Killiecrankie SWT: Simon Milne will look into and get back to M Price. C Littlewood will ask Grant Baird (SWT/farmer) to come on the Farmlands Group RSPB: Bruce Anderson currently doesn't attend the Steering Group Meeting DFSB (District Salmon Fishers Board): Water & Wetlands GCT (Game Conservancy Trust): Ian McCall keen to be involved	

	<p>Davie Parish to be invited to attend the Farmland sub-group meetings (C Littlewood) RHET Education Sub group, Gill Lawrie is involved NHS: Bruce Dicke leaving and not being replaced. NHS: Strathcathro hoping to be involved. Need to approach their Estates Managers Scottish Water: Had previously been involved as a Corresponding Member of the Wetlands Group but there has now been a change of staff. J Long to approach their Land Agents (Youngs) to try to get them involved. Woodland Trust: Dundee Red Squirrel Group has a Woodland Trust representative (and the Group reports back to the Urban sub-group); they are also on the Woodland sub-group. Heather Trust: they are corresponding members of the Upland sub-group. Deer commission: get them involved in Steering Group? John Craig attends Upland Group.</p> <p>Discussions took place on What We are Doing Well and Where Can We Improve (outcomes from Workshop attached)</p> <p>Local Record Centre (LRC) – we need to work out how we are going to do this in Tayside. Agreed we need 2/3 hours at the next Steering Group Meeting to discuss this. Hopefully by then we may also have some extra people involved and we can focus on this issue. Cost was a major issue when this was discussed 2 years ago; there will be a big resource implication. Would need 2/3 discussions and presentations from key people.</p> <p>C Warwick will find out progress on this process and timescales. C Warwick to discuss with N Taylor (and possibly involve him in this). Try and have the meeting which should link up with Steering Group meeting, hopefully before the summer. C Warwick to action and then see if can arrange add-on meeting. (C Warwick is not in her new position until 7 March but will pick up then)</p> <p>C Lloyd to include in her Annual Report a couple of pages on what we learnt from the Strategic Workshop.</p> <p>There were no further issues arising from the 26 October meeting.</p>	<p>MP/CL</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CL</p>
5	Reports from Sub Group Leaders	
5.1	Woodlands Update from M Strachan attached	
5.2	Farmland - C Littlewood Meeting took place on 12 January with several new sub-group members. No new projects; Barn Owl project continues. No new HAPs and SAPs will be prepared unless necessary, due to time restraints. C Littlewood working on Information Sheet for Farmers going into RSS. Meeting to be held in June and site visit to farm to be arranged. 1st Tranche HAP Reviews - C Littlewood to circulate all sub-group members and Lead Partners to see if any changes are required.	C L'wood
5.3	Uplands – M Price M Price had now resigned as Chair. Had hoped Andy Williams from the Kindrogan Centre would take over but he has since left. M Price to approach Mr Williams' replacement to ask if he would take on the sub-group Chair.	MP
5.4	Water and Wetlands - J Long Last meeting held in mid December 04. SNH were not able to attend but has Nicki McIntyre involved now. Proposing to hold a seminar on Working Around Watercourses. Suggested contact made with the Tweed Foundation for speakers and Institute of Fisheries & Management to co-chair/co-fund. J Long been in contact with Angus Council. Need to target local authorities, Anglers Groups and landowners. C Warwick suggested including something on permitted development rights. Date of seminar to be confirmed, likely to be towards the end of the year. An Invasive Species Seminar (Dundee-based) also to be considered.	
5.5	Estuary and Coast – D Mitchell This group has been in abeyance for over a year. D Mitchell took over as Chair in October. Hoping to hold meeting in March/April to resurrect group and bring people back to the idea of the LBAP	
5.6	Urban - P Coutts (on behalf of Alison Anderson)	

	<p>suggested householders guide to be revamped, now done.</p> <p>No response about planning manual? Full draft will be sent out to everyone. Publication planned for March. Funding for Manual, Advice Notes, householders and developers' leaflet: £5k from Scottish Executive, £3k PKC Planning Department, £3k shortfall. Approach Angus/Dundee Councils for top up. If not, will have to adapt accordingly (need this financial year). Tayside publications, including leaflets, will be the first in Scotland. PDF to be included in website.</p>	
9	<p>2nd Tranche. C Lloyd can circulate list, add column what UK BAP priorities are.</p> <p>If there is a national one, need local HAP to cover. C Lloyd – UK website, how often is this updated? C Lloyd picked up out of date information. C Lloyd gets asked 6 monthly for updates – she will look into this.</p>	CL
10	<p>Monitoring – Future Timeframes MP read email re UKBAP Timetable review. We need all the different groups to see where they are on this. Possible to get standardised and put on database. C Lloyd to get training on BARS on 31/1. We will have to report between July and September this year – C Lloyd to confirm. Final report at the end of the year.</p> <p>Ongoing process – PQLT will also have to monitor projects. For monitoring all subgroups, include project details in pro forma</p>	
11	<p>Local Action Grant Scheme No fund set up yet for biodiversity – C Warwick to action.</p>	CW
12	<p>Agenda of future meetings MP asked for any suggestions/amendments – agreed to continue as before</p>	
13	<p>AOCB C Lloyd – key outputs/annual overview of past 9 months – circulate to management group</p> <p>Presentations – C Lloyd to attend: Eco congregation day in Dunblane (Green Graveyard initiative) Dundee Spring garden show, April Angus show (alongside FWAG stall)? Glamis Countryside festival – had biodiversity boards? Angus Walking Festival – 2-6 June CL to possibly go to Scone Game Fair (with FWAG)</p>	
14	<p>Future Meetings It has now been decided to hold the next Steering Group meeting on Friday 6 May at Dundee City Council offices – MS to arrange venue and possibly hold Local Record Centre meeting at the same time (if so need lunch and longer meeting)</p> <p>Focus on forward plan at next meeting (and what comes out of UKBAP review)</p> <p>Further meetings – Thursday 25 August, Perth College 24 November – Angus Council</p> <p>The meeting closed and MP thanked Angus Council for the venue and excellent lunch.</p>	