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URBAN SUB-GROUP

Tuesday 2nd June - 10 am
Jamesfield Organic Farm, Newburgh

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Alison Anderson (AA) Dundee City Council
Catherine Lloyd (CL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
Ann Lolley (AL) Broughty Ferry Environment Project
Kate Baird (KB) SEPA
Carolyn Deasley (CD) SNH

1. Apologies

George Potts (GP) Dundee Ranger Service; Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ERN), Perth & Kinross Council; Craig Borland (CB) Angus Ranger Service; Pam Coutts (PC), Angus Council; John Whyman (JW), Dundee City Council

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (24th March 2009) and Matters Arising

a) ZOOM 2008

Survey sheets still not printed.

ACTION: AA TO FOLLOW UP

b) Roadside Verges

P+KC committee report on management of grassland agreed. CL to pass copy to AA

ACTION: CL to pass report to AA

3. ZOOM in 2

CL reported that almost 300 packs had been handed out. Much more time consuming to get packs out as need face to face explanation. However, as we have participants details and they have had explanation maybe get more positive involvement than BB project. Group agreed that a cut off point for handing out the packs should be made at the end of June.

CL reported that the launch of the project went really well. David Boag did an excellent job and wants to be involved at the end of the project too. Sensation also confirmed that they want to follow up the project next year too.

AL to hand out packs at Douglas Gala on 21st June and Seashore Festival 14th June.

ACTION: AL to distribute packs

CL to hand out packs at Dighty Conference 27th June

ACTION: CL to distribute packs

CD suggested that targeting events such as the Perth Artists event along the Tay would be a good way of encouraging people to take packs

4. Priority Action Updates

a) Red Squirrel Project - TBAF funding coming to end. AA to check with Douglas Calderwood if underspend on volunteer involvement can be spent on further grey control.

b) Community Gardens/Orchards and Allotments - CL reported that the leaflets are still going well. AA reported that she was involved in creating a show garden for Dundee Flower and Food Festival showcasing biodiversity.

c) Urban Grassland Management - PKC committee report as above 2b). Kindrogan are still having some issues with their grassland management. DCC - Dudhope Park still involved. Scotia Seeds having an open day on

19th June.

- d) Invasive Species - see urban watercourse below
 - e) Living Roof - AA reported that she hopes to have an example of a green roof on the show garden
 - f) ZOOM in 2 - see 4 above
 - g) Sand Martins - meeting in July. CL reported that David Clark of Friarton Ponds may be submitting a grant application to TBAF for a sand martin nesting bank.
 - h) Urban Watercourse - AL reported that Dighty Connect (formerly EDEN) up and running. Debbie Lockhead had been appointed as project officer. Currently organising conference on 27th June to take project forward. Conference to be held in Kirkton Community Centre, Dundee. AA and CL to attend. AL also submitting application to Parks for People (major lottery bid) and possibly TBAF application for otters and water voles. SEPA have interest in working with Dighty Connect, currently Dighty is moderate ecological status, commitment to improve to good ecological status by 2015. SEPA also have data which will be of interest to Dighty Connect.
Perth Lade - CL reported that another group (other than Lade Management Group) had taken the initiative and were working on a Heritage Lottery Bid for improvement / restoration of the wier.
 - i) Swifts - CL reported that there was a meeting on 6th May in Scone. Possible meeting in Angus but none planned in Dundee. New participants need to be recruited as there is not enough information coming in.
 - j) Green Kirk and Graveyard - School in Perth working on an invertebrate project at Greyfriars. Buglife is involved. 3 sites in Angus still involved and a couple in Dundee. Perth has over 25 sites.
6. **AOCB**
The group decided that ideas for ZOOM in 3 would be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **Date and Format of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 10am on 25th August 2009 - Douglas Community and Library Centre, Balmoral Avenue, Dundee.