

Tayside Biodiversity Partnership



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URBAN SUB-GROUP

Wednesday 4th February 2009 - 10 am
Forfar Loch

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Alison Anderson(AA) Dundee City Council
Catherine Lloyd (CL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
Carolyn Deasley (CD) SNH
Craig Borland (CB) Angus Ranger Service
Esther Rogers-Nicolli (ERN) Perth & Kinross Council
Pam Coutts (PC) Angus Council

1. Apologies

Ann Lolley (AL), Broughty Ferry Environment Project; Kate Baird (KB) SEPA; George Potts (GP) Dundee Ranger Service

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (12th December 2008) and Matters Arising

a) Baldovan House / Giant Hogweed

PC confirmed that the decision on the planning application for Baldovan House had been deferred. Discussions between the developers and Angus Council were still ongoing.
The group suggested that funding from the SRDP may be a way forward to control the Giant Hogweed, but it was up to the land owners to apply to the fund.

b) ZOOM 2008

AA reported that funding had been found for a reprint of the ZOOM survey sheet. SNH had supplied costs which had come in at £239.24 for 1000. AA to arrange printing via SNH and for the invoice to go to Douglas Calderwood at Perth Quality of Life Trust.

ACTION: AA TO ORGANISE PRINTING AND INVOICING

PC had forwarded information on to AA about BB training in May. Costs of £50 could possibly come from fund as above, however CB updated the group on the possibility of the training not going ahead.

ACTION: CB TO INVESTIGATE WITH COLLEAGUES IN RANGER SERVICE

3. ZOOM in 2

Funding

Group confirmed that funding coming into place:

P+KC - upto £1,500

DCC - £1,000

Angus Council - £1,000 possible but tbc

SNH - £1,000 in principle

Council's to be invoiced asap before the end of the financial year.

SNH to be invoiced after April 2009

ACTION: PC TO CONFIRM ANGUS COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION

ACTION: CL TO INVOICE COUNCILS

Project Launch

Main Launch 1st - 4th May at Sensation Dundee. Event to tie in with photography seminar / workshop by David Boag. Event to be family orientated.

Other launch opportunities - Opening of refurbished Meffan in Forfar - beginning of May, Perth Museum Day 2nd May, 24th May Kirkgate Park - Kinross, Angus Walking Festival end of May.

AA to contact Courier to investigate feature article for May.

ACTION: AA TO CONTACT COURIER

Also use database from ZOOM to publicise pack.

Pack

Group agreed:

750 x cameras

750 x seed packets (CW)

750 x general leaflet

(? holder / bag / envelopes / postage)

Leaflet

General leaflet to explain purpose of the project and give some inspiration to participants - water was suggested as an idea. Use leaflet from BB pack as a starter ie A3 folded twice.

AA to start text / concept stuff

AA to contact Alison Herman / Kelly Stuart re SNH design team help (after end of financial year rush!)

ACTION: AA TO MAKE START TO LEAFLET

Links

Placebook website - displays photos of people's favourite places. Maybe link with ZOOM in 2.

4. Priority Action Updates

USG 1 - Red Squirrels

The Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Project will be launched on 10th February in Dunkeld. Tayside Squirrel Forum will be finalising the Tayside Grey Control Strategy in the near future

USG 4 - Grassland Management

PKC has had a report agreed at its Environment Committee to review its grassland management in parks and graveyards. A pilot project will commence this year. TBP closely involved.

USG 10 - Swifts

6th May - Swift Gathering at Scone; PKC picking up the tab for this public event. CB reported that he hoped to do something similar during the Festival somewhere in Angus. CL to send ERN/CB the swift posters to print. Swift booklet - SNH 50% funding in principal. AL searching for match funding.

PC mentioned swift database and the fact that a colleague in AC has made recommendations. CL said she would circulate the AC proposals to ERN and ask DCC who to approach regarding GIS.

Grassland

USG 11 - Green Graveyard Initiative

This is being taken forward within PKC. Now working with PKC and P&K Heritage Trust on a second set of pilot projects: Kinfauns, Rait, Caputh, Westtown, Greyfriars and Kirkgate. There are to be bat and lichen surveys in some graveyards; CL looking for funding to bring Edinburgh Botanics lichenologists to Tayside; a survey postcard, perhaps (this has the backing of Plantlife Scotland). One event taking place at Kinnoull (PKC Ranger Service); another proposed for the Perth Academy students undertaking a photographic project in Greyfriars. It is hoped to have a lichen survey undertaken of one of the Carse orchards.

5. AOCB

It was agreed that a request for funding from Moray Firth Partnership to DCC Economic Development Dept. regarding dolphins and tourism to be considered at the next C&E meeting. It was suggested a copy of the letter should be sent to AC Economic Development (CL has done this); AA to confirm that George Potts has received a copy of the letter.

CW confirmed that Colin Castle (Area Officer) would be taking on her TBP role while she was on leave until end of April 2009.

6. Date and Format of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 24th March 2009 - Dundee

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