



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

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URBAN SUB-GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21st August 2007
 at Jamesfield Organic Farm, Newburgh

PRESENT: Alison Anderson (AA) Dundee City Council
 Catherine Lloyd (CL) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
 Carolyn Deasley (CD) SNH
 Ann Lolley (AL) BFEP
 Ian Ford (IF) Broughty Ferry Environmental Project

Item	Minute		Action
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1.	Apologies Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ER-N) - Perth and Kinross Council, , George Potts (GP) - Dundee Ranger Service, Craig Borland (CB) - Angus Countryside Rangers, Pam Coutts (PC) - Angus Council, Kate Baird (KB) - SEPA		
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2.	Minutes of previous meeting were agreed. Matters Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dundee Bat Project - IF reported that 50% of the 1km squares in Dundee were now covered with volunteer surveyors b) Priority Projects - It was agreed to update proformas every 6 months and to tie this into the timescale for reporting to BARS. 		
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3.	ZOOM The group agreed that the aim of the project would be to target new audiences, particularly householders and involve them recording bumblebee sightings. As well as raising awareness the project would provide useful information to both TBP and organisations further afield e.g. Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT). The group gratefully accepted the help and guidance offered by BFEP which had piloted the Bumblebee Pack idea in Dundee already. BFEP undertook to source / print logo and fill packs / bags. The group agreed that the bags would consist of:		
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown paper bag with ZOOM logo on - BFEP to source and print (costs) • SNH Bumblebee Book - CD to source 1000 • SNH Garden for Life leaflet - CD to source 1000 • Badges - CD to source • Information sheet - AA / CD to meet BBCT • ID sheet - AA / CD to meet BBT • Survey sheet - AA / CD • Free gift - which is light, cheap and compact eg tin of lip balm AA / AL (costs) | AL
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Group agreed to produce freepost cards for return by general public - receive Bumblebee bags. Costs likely to be in region of £700.

Postage of bags - size, weight and shape will influence costs.

AA to contact BBCT to arrange meeting at SNH in Sept to ask for assistance with above CD to contact SNH designers AA to get Freepost information AL to find electronic version of logo stamp / electronic version of existing ID chart	AA CD AA AL
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Timescale

Meet BBCT in Sept

By next meeting (18.10.07) draft text for new sheets / postcard etc

Bags ready by April 2008 (Jan - April)

Launch beginning of May 2008

4. Priority Actions- updates

i) USG1 – Urban Red Squirrel Initiative

AA reported that discussions are well advanced for the establishment of Tayside Red Squirrel Project

ii) USG2 – Acoustic Ecology

AL informed the group that the events in Dudhope Park over the summer had gone extremely well. One of the results was a close working relationship with SENSE Scotland who are now keen to explore how biodiversity can help them deliver their services.

Groups that were involved included Art Angel (mental health project) and Skateboarders / BMXers. The even on 12th August involved 70-80 people. A DVD is being made of the project.

The park manager is now keen to encourage more biodiversity in to the park. AL currently exploring with Leisure and Communities Dept.

AL

iii) USG3 – Greenspace, Community Gardens and Allotments

CL presented draft. Group agreed that text didn't need major modification. Booklet size and most of photos / illustrations were fine too. Maybe some recognisable Tayside photos to be included. CL keen to include some further subject headings.

CL

Possibility of AA attending the allotment event at Battleby on August 28th.

iv) USG4 – Urban Grassland Management

Seminar at SCRI well attended with 14 present.

Plot at Forfar Loch available for demo - CB wants to know how many plots / cutting regimes. Plot possible at Riverside. CL to attend meeting in Perth and Kinross

v) USG5 – Invasive Species Project

AA reported that GH at BF had been sorted.

AA also reported that the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation had given a verbal no on funding.

AA had a meeting with Abertay Uni who are carrying out a survey for DCC Engineers. AA encouraged the report writers to recommend removal of GH etc.

vi) USG6 – Green/Living Roofs

No update

vii) USG7 – Local Patch Project

No update

USG7a - ZOOM / Bumblebees

see item 3

viii) USG8 – Sand Martins in Tayside

Meeting had gone well with 14 people present. Clacks LBAP officer had met with BFEP. There will be a link from TBP website. Likely mist netting at BF

ix) USG9 – Urban Watercourse Initiative

CL to put HAP on website

CL

x) USG10 – Tayside Town Swift Project

Newsletter popular. Good response re sightings.

Reduced involvement from Dundee Countryside Rangers since Dave Shepherd left. CD to follow up with George Potts.

Mapping event in October in Dundee. Pass information on to planners.

CD

xi) USG11 – Green Kirk and Graveyard Initiative

Workshops - CL to organise in Oct / Nov.

BFEP still working with St Aidans despite not getting funding.

CL had taken receipt of Green Kirk and Graveyard leaflets.

CL

5. **AOCB**
None

7. **Date of next meeting**
10am, Thursday 18th October, Forfar - Room C at Angus House (the largest of the four buildings at Orchardbank, the one nearest to MacDonalds)