



# TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

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## URBAN SUB-GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2008  
at Forfar Loch, Forfar

PRESENT:	Alison Anderson (AA)	Dundee City Council
	Catherine Lloyd (CL)	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
	John Whyman (JW)	Dundee CRS
	Ann Lolley (AL)	BFEP
	Carolyn Deasley (CD)	SNH
	Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ER-N)	Perth and Kinross Council
	Craig Borland (CB)	Angus CRS
	Pam Coutts (PC)	Angus Council

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> none	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting were agreed.</b> <b>Matters Arising</b> None	
3.	<b>ZOOM Update</b> Over 600 BB packs distributed. Feedback very good. AA sent £100 cheque to illustrator who thanked group and was pleased with the look of the packs. Other packs will be distributed out via - Events in Angus - Countryside Rangers, Duntrune Garden event in Dundee, Kirkgate Park event - Kinross and Dundee Flower Show. PC requested some survey forms. CL to look for extras in office. If none there then available on the web site. CD requested some detail on how people heard about the packs - CL to ask RH to supply info to CD. It was agreed that the group would discuss next year's project at the next meeting in September - AA to add to the agenda	CL CL ALL/AA
4.	<b>Dighty Habitat Enhancement Project</b> JW presented a project idea which he had been working on. The Dighty Enhancement Project would be a 3-5 year to improve the Dighty Burn for biodiversity and otters in particular. Aims would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otter survey</li> <li>• giant hogweed eradication and habitat management</li> <li>• bank re-engineering / regrading at appropriate points</li> </ul> Actions would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• training for local people in otter surveying</li> <li>• public consultation events</li> <li>• expert advice</li> <li>• ground works via contractors</li> <li>• partnership working between Angus and Dundee Councils, local communities and landowners</li> </ul> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an application would be made to TBAF</li> <li>• PC mentioned possible link into Tay River Basin Management Plan</li> </ul> <p>JW to develop project over autumn. JW to produce more detail on actions / programmes and costs for next meeting</p> <p>AL reported on the Dighty seminar held in May. Links obvious with JW project. BFEP to work on ideas on the back of the event. AL to start off in small way. AL to work with JW. AL to report back at next meeting.</p>	JW AL

## 5. Priority Actions- updates

### i) USG1 – Urban Red Squirrel Initiative

Likely that Tayside Red Squirrel project will be taken over by SWT as part of their Scottish Squirrel Strategy. Funding agreed with SNH and other partners. Ken will apply for Tayside job. Project was awarded £5,500 by Gannochy Trust. AA writing Tayside Red Squirrel Strategy in an attempt to get funding from the SRDP for area.

AA

### ii) USG3 – Greenspace, Community Gardens and Allotments

DCC submitting an application to BLF People's Millions for an Orchard Trail in Dundee. CL reported that the Orchard Forum covering Fife and the Carse of Gowrie has been set up on the back of various successful events.

### iii) USG4 – Urban Grassland Management

Spelling of McCrosty Park in Crieff.  
AL reported that she had submitted an 'Awards for All' application for training at Dudhope. Dundee Botanics are bringing on plug plants for meadow.  
Potential project at Balgarthno, Ardler.  
Group agreed to refocus proforma for project as project has moved away from original plan.

### iv) USG5 – Invasive Species Project

see item 4

### v) USG6 – Green/Living Roofs

Climate Challenge Fund possible source of finance for projects.

### vi) USG7 – Local Patch Project

No update

#### USG7a - ZOOM / Bumblebees

see item 3

### vii) USG8 – Sand Martins in Tayside

AL reported that the nesting bank in Broughty Ferry is being well used.

### viii) USG9 – Urban Watercourse Initiative

None

### ix) USG10 – Tayside Town Swift Project

Report mentioned in last minute obviously figment of AA's imagination.  
CL reported that the planned swift meeting had gone well. Student placement organising data etc.  
36 boxes at St Margaret's House  
Group has 2 spare boxes - CB offered to use them at Forfar Loch - CB to collect from CL  
AL reported that there a number of BFEP volunteers monitoring swifts in Dundee. New volunteers involved via booklet of poems - 'Inspired by Nature'.

CB

### x) USG11 – Green Kirk and Graveyard Initiative

Angus to target congregation in Tannadice.  
P+K to target congregation in Liff.

## 5. Matters arising from the Steering Group - March 2008

AA reported that there was support from Syd House for a Tayside Red Squirrel Strategy who is chair of the Regional Priorities (RPAC) group for the SRDP.  
Opportunity for TBP steering group to decide local priorities for funding from the SRDP based on Action Plan.  
BARS reporting on horizon. Updated SMART proformas needed for the end of August.

## 6. AOCB

AL reported that the BFEP AGM successful with over 50 people attending. Presentation on raptors in the Angus Glens which provoked a good discussion.

## 7. Date of next meeting

2pm, Wednesday 24th September 2008 on Floor 13, Tayside House, Dundee.