

# Tayside Biodiversity Partnership



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## URBAN SUB-GROUP

Tuesday 24th March 2009 - 10 am  
Camperdown House, Dundee

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present:	Alison Anderson (AA)	Dundee City Council
	Catherine Lloyd (CL)	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
	Pam Coutts (PC)	Angus Council
	Ann Lolley (AL)	Broughty Ferry Environment Project
	John Whyman	Greenspace Development Officer
	Ian Ford	Broughty Ferry Environment Project
	Craig Borland	Angus Countryside Rangers

#### 1. Apologies

Carolyn Deasley (CD), SNH; Kate Baird (KB) SEPA; George Potts (GP) Dundee Ranger Service; Esther Rogers-Nicoll (ERN), Perth & Kinross Council

#### 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> December 2008) and Matters Arising

##### a) ZOOM 2008

AA reported that she is still waiting for SNH to organise sending the invoice etc to P+KCT.

**ACTION: AA TO FOLLOW UP**

It was reported that the Countryside Rangers are still awaiting confirmation by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

#### 3. Roadside Verges

Ian Ford raised the subject of the conservation / management of roadside verges and whether they are a priority for the LBAP.

CL reported that Transport Scotland have a HAP for verges although unsure about any action. Locally SWT have surveyed in P+K and were due to survey in Angus. However data from SWT is not forthcoming. There is a list for P+K verges of interest and there was a plan to highlight these with interpretation, however this has not been implemented yet.

PC reported that a survey is carried out before any road improvements are implemented.

CL reported that although training had been carried out in all the LA's, action on the ground was not apparent.

It was suggested that verge management on cyclepaths and core paths could be considered by the group in the first instance.

#### 4. ZOOM in 2

##### Funding

CL confirmed that invoices had been sent to P+K, DCC and AC.

CL to invoice SNH after April.

Potential Funding - £4,500

**ACTION: CL TO INVOICE SNH**

### **Budget**

Cameras - 600 (camera + processing I+N Crichton Street - Dundee) = £2,700

Leaflet - 600 = £700

Production of DVD = £1,000

Postage = £100

(The above costs for the cameras and processing is a rough estimate as it is very unlikely that everyone posts their camera back for processing)

### **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.

Packs handed out at events and above - use first picture to take details of participant so identify when processed.

### **Pack**

Group agreed:

600 x cameras

600 x seed packets (CD)

600 x general leaflet

Envelopes - AA to source

**ACTION: AA TO SOURCE ENVELOPES**

### **Leaflet**

AA gave group basic leaflet text. AA to incorporate comments. AA to e-mail round group when more complete. AA to get in touch with designer.

**ACTION: AA TO ORGANISE LEAFLET PRODUCTION IN CONSULTATION WITH GROUP**

### **Other**

- a) Prizes - Group to think about prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each LA area
- b) Not all cameras on time lapse film - top 20 from each area. Sound and interviews on film too.
- c) Images on Sensation website and DCC website.

## **5. Priority Action Updates**

Group decided to concentrate on Giant Hogweed / Dighty Project because of time constraints.

JW reported that the Giant Hogweed application to SRDP had been refused due to landowner issues. JW has been advised the all landowners must participate in application (ie garden owners) before the scheme has any chance of being approved. This was not his original understanding.

JW has also been advised that he should support the project but not be a lead for it.

JW reported that he has mapped ownership along the Dighty. There are a core of 7 major landowners who should be signed up for an SRDP application. JW recommended that something like TBAF should be utilised for smaller landowners (gardens). This should be implemented first before another SRDP application be submitted. JW reported that the private ownership map was nearly complete.

There is to be a training day for the Conservation Volunteers for risk assessment / hogweed control. AL suggested that the EDEN project could be involved.

PC/CB undertook to find out Angus Landowners

**ACTION: PC/CB to investigate Angus landowners**

6. **AOCB**

AL advised the group that Broughty Ferry Environment Project's AGM would be on 1st April 2009 where the Bathing Machine project would be on view.

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

Tuesday, 2nd June 2009 - Jamesfield nr Newburgh

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