



The Forum currently covers the LBAP areas of Tayside (Perth & Kinross, Dundee, Angus), Stirling, Clacks, and Fife

Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th November 2007
Lochore Meadows Country Park

Present:

Catherine Lloyd (CL)	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership (TBP)
Mark Oksien (MO)	Fife Barn Owl Monitor
Wullie Irvine (WI)	Fife Barn Owl Monitor
Guy Harewood (GH)	Clackmannanshire Biodiversity Partnership
Richard Lockett (RL)	Perth FWAG
Julie Horsburgh (JH)	Fife Council
Carol Littlewood (CLW)	Angus Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)
Susan Leslie (SL)	RSPB

1. Apologies

Christine Hall (CH)	Scottish Agricultural College (Perth)
Richard Smith (RS)	Stirling Council
Mike Steward (MS)	Central Scotland Barn Owl Monitor

Notes also circulated to: Anna Perks, Falkirk Biodiversity Partnership; Norman Elkins, British Trust for Ornithology (Fife Representative); Richard Paul, BTO (Perthshire); Les Hatton, Tay Ringing Group; Scottish Ornithological Society (Edinburgh); Mark Simmons, Perth Museum; Angus Ranger Service; Dundee Ranger Service; Perth & Kinross Ranger Service; Fife Ranger Service; SNH (Battleby and Airlie); Forestry Commission (Perth); National Trust for Scotland (Dunkeld office); Helen Nyul, Business Environment Partnership (Dalkeith), Lynn Jopling, Scottish Golf Environment Group (Dalkeith).

2. Work Programme - Area Updates

Clackmannanshire

RL, GH and MS have completed all the visits, boxes are now being installed and ongoing monitoring is being undertaken. A ringing event was held for the last box fledging for the volunteer rangers. 6 chicks were rung and photos were used for press coverage. **GH has also had quite a few records back, will let JH know how many.**

BOOLS managed a big piece on Radio Scotland, possibly as a result of GH making contact with Radio 4 Shared Earth.

Stirling

RL and MS have completed all 5 visits and the boxes installed.

Tayside.

CLW reported that 5 farm visits in Angus have been completed and 3 are still to be carried out as part of BOOLS, the boxes were being installed by the farmers themselves. RL reported that the 3 visits in Kinross are now complete and boxes are up and the last 2 for FWAG in Perthshire are also complete and boxes are up. There was no report from CH on progress with the 3 SAC boxes.

A further 6-7 record cards have been received plus several sightings phoned in. CLW will be using Map Mate software to record the Tayside sightings. Two farmers have also confirmed their boxes were in use in Angus.

CL confirmed that the Hawk & Owl Trust had accepted her article about BOOLS for their national magazine. **CL to send copy to JH.**

Fife

All visits in Fife are to be carried out shortly, the Envisage nest boxes have now arrived and CLW is going with MO next week to put up the 4 from last year.

Willie brought in the footage from the camera that was set up at one farm providing images of the chicks being fed, which was watched by all!

JH informed the group Landward had been contacted, but nothing resulted. However, a researcher did make contact, "researching background to BOOLS for a natural heritage programme" but did not identify the source.

MO expressed concern that TAPIF EIC were holding licenced information and making it available to the public – **JH to investigate.**

Events & Newsletter:

RL to confirm ability to co-ordinate the Spring event.

CLW confirmed she will co-ordinate the final newsletter. **ALL to submit area updates to CLW by Christmas breakup. JH to forward quote from SP.**

A Stirling school contact is required **RS to provide details.**

SL will contact Glenrothes High and Forfar High in the meantime. Boxes will be left at the schools for collection by individuals in each area. **SL will confirm when ready.**

Education Update:

SL reported that other field staff would provide a replacement for Elspeth to deliver the remaining 3 schools. **SL will confirm when they will be delivered.**

3. Funding Claims/ Budget.

JH report budget on target, although a mistake was made in the amount due to RSPB, Elspeth had informed JH that the project could still be delivered, but if any funding was available to plug the gap could this be considered. The group agreed once volunteer expenses were in the remainder could go to the RSPB.

Invoices were still required from FWAG for Stirling for £50, 1 plan for Clacks, Angus (for 3 visits still to be done) and Perth (poss in transit) – (also for 8 Fife visits still to be done) Claim from WI is outstanding and the next and last claim for volunteers will be 18 Jan 08. JH also requires copy of RSPB invoice if possible – **SL to source.**

All asked to let JH know if BOOLS project used to lever other projects (i.e. SITA TBAF funding for a Perthshire Barn Owl Project); this will assist in the final claim details. **ALL JH to email In Kind form again – please keep these coming in.**

CL asked if BAGS can extend funding to cover a £1500 training course for planners. The potential for a Barn Owl Trust training course to be held somewhere in Central Scotland

was discussed, subject to funding being made available to host it. CL had been in touch with the Barn Owl Trust to obtain a quote.– **JH to request support from BAGS**

4. Other Matters from Previous minutes

Minutes agreed with following outstanding matters:

Action JH: Redistribute newsletter pdf to partners for publication on websites.

Action: CL to distribute CD-rom containing poster image to partners.

Action GH: Post pdf of newsletter on Clacks website.

5. Any Other Business - None

6. Date of Next Meeting

JH agreed to host the next meeting at Lochore Meadows, at 10.30am on Wednesday 6th February 2008.

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