

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board
In Cathedral Halls, Dunblane
Wednesday 3 September 2014 after the AGM

1. Attendance/apologies

Present were:- David Prescott [in the Chair], Claire Watt, Alan Watt, Caroline Crawford, Alan Booth, Dave Topliff, Steve Mason, Lorraine Darwen, Chris Toop, Tim Hughes, Ian Adam, Julian Darwell-Stone and Libby Hughes.

Apologies were received from :- Chris Spray, Phill Tebbs, Elizabeth Swanson, Brigitte Beck-Woerner, Mark Ruskell, Rosemary Bland, Richard Bland, Malcolm Wilson, Alastair McCulloch, Alex Mitchell, Steve Moizer, Julie Forrest, Gerard Hastings, Mike Christmas, Catriona Whitton, Guy Crawford, Paddy Holmes, Peter Holmes, Ross Aylott, Jean-Marie Stassin, Gillian Osborn, Geoffrey Osborn, Graham Whittaker and Anthony Birch.

2. Minutes of meeting 24 June 2014 were accepted.

3. Unauthorised tree felling and re-planting order. Chris Toop re-capped. Spraying, burning and tree-felling continues. The Council has served a Re-planting Order. The landowner has not complied within the time limit. The Council can now replant and bill the landowner. We need to watch, photograph, record and keep pressure on the Council to do this. There was discussion about other ways we could ensure the replanting occurs. We will liaise with Mark Ruskell [after the Referendum].

- DP will write to the Tree Officer to ask about spraying of Willow and replanting. DP
- Alan Booth advised the he had an email from the Access Officer, stating it is acceptable to open the fencing, as a gate, provided no damage is done. He will forward this to the Community Police. A Booth
- Alan Booth suggested a Bat survey. Any tree-felling of trees in which bats are roosting would be illegal. It was agreed to contact the Bat Conservation Trust for advice LH

4. Finances, satisfactory. £1870

5. Medium and Long-term objectives

- Meeting with Andrew Campbell from The Woodland Trust was encouraging. They did offer practical support in the future management of the woodland.
- Discussions in the past year with CWA, CLAS and COSS have also been helpful.
- The LDP was approved by Stirling Council on 18 August and it has been submitted to Scottish Ministers. The Council intends to adopt the Plan 28 days after submission, unless it is directed not to do so by Scottish Ministers. When it is adopted, we should meet and decide how to progress.

6. Hallowe'en event Sunday 26 October. A group will meet on 9 September. Largely the same format as 2013. CC

7. Other possible Fundraising/events/initiatives

- Ceilidh Saturday 3 January 2015, 10th Anniversary of Holmehill Ltd, Old Churches Houses booked SM
- Possibly an Easter Egg Hunt, and a tree day in June. We should contact Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Woodcraft Folk.
- Possibly a Photography course.

8. Environmental surveys and Core path surveys on-going CS/LH

9. Rural Parliament, 6 – 8 November. DP may attend, but it may not be very relevant to us.

10. AOCB

- Girl Guides' Christmas card sale, Victoria Hall, 1st November. DP will represent Holmehill. DP
- Community Empowerment Bill. DP has 2 issues he wishes to raise by 5 September, concerning options, and land not used in accordance with Planning Regulations. DP

11. Date of next meeting Thursday 13 November 7.30pm, in the Cathedral Halls

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