

DRAFT

Dunkeld & Birnam @"The Field" Trustee Meeting
25th September 2018

Apologies : John Small , Sandy Howe

Present : Dave Roberts, Robert Gunn, Dave Amos, Jim Cockburn, Raymond Simpson, David Bee, Sarah Davidson, Maddy Hand , Elspeth Baillie, Linda Simpson.

Minutes from August Meeting : only amendment date changed to 21st August.

Matters Arising from previous minutes:

Grow Sensors-Wendy Coombs to meet Thursday 27/9 10 am to advise re connecting with Bluetooth.

Potters Plumbing - all planned water / tap adjustments made. Scottish Water given written approval of the current supply plumbing & drainage. Thank you Sarah for coordinating this work.

Raymond / Bill Ellis will make a long handled key to allow water supply to be turned on/off

Jamie Beardsley to texted/ contacted re tree safety survey- Raymond / Linda

Articles - print article planned and online article due mid-Oct.

dblandtrust Password redistributed verbally to Trustees

Compost - Binn Farm plan to deliver to Spittalfield January 19.

Membership : Dave informed us we have 101 paid members (highest total to date). Gentle email reminders aided the renewal of previously established members.

Finance : Jim updated the current account status.

Statement: 4/9/18 £16203.35

£15590 after cheques & bills paid.

Income £9064

Donations. £5330

Summer Fest £421

Membership £1545

Produce. £1768

Expenses

Seeds £430

Polytunnel £9257

Fuel/ Tractor £239

Insurance £580

Jim received a letter confirming the approval of the water installation modifications.

Administration:

Safeguarding - no current issues

Notifiable Events- none

Policy File- compilation in hand - Dave Roberts.

GROW Project : David Bee to meet Wendy McCoombs on Thursday 27/9 to try to connect and update sensors.

SPD Notice

Reflection Meeting - planned for 13/11.Planning group established-Dave R,David B & Robert G to have a separate meeting to plan the event.

Summer Fest - General positive feedback..families with children + this year. Positives...Cake stall...home baking...soup scones..fruit juice all from Field produce...new games carrot javelin was a big success.

Cookery demonstration..music and Scottish Water stall all had positive feedback.

Suggestions for 2019..

? Make layout more compact and cohesive...(some felt middle space too large)

Children to bring own miniature veg garden

Have a home baking stall for sales during the festival...not just cake competition.

OSCR Report- in hand

AGM & Harvest Supper -2/11/18 high demand after initial email 48hrs ago. Dietary requirements will need to be sought closer to the event- Dave R will send an email to attendees to seek updated information.

Peter Flood to give a narrative presentation based on the Sunday seasonal writing sessions.This will be at the end of the AGM prior to the supper.

Insurance Renewal- Insurance Broker to be contacted to ensure current quote is competitive and adequate for our needs (public liability,theft,accidental damage etc)

Reflection Meeting- sub- group arranging to meet to plan.

Bridge Article- Raymond to complete by 12th Oct deadline- Publication 26/10

The Field :Quality and Quantity of produce excellent in 2018

Good volunteer engagement..especially on Thursdays and Saturdays ensuring heavy work done

The balance between storing and selling discussed...a fine balance.

Certain crops have high yield & high quality when freshly harvested but short shelf life so selling preferred strategy.

Storage capacity and skill needed for potatoes/ onions/ garlic.

Polystyrene boxes are available from Dunkeld Salmon as they are no longer needed by them. We will collect and try to store their supply before we harvest our potatoes.

Potatoes- harvest by end October.

No Dig pilot : ad hoc group to take this idea forward-

Sandy ,Robert, Raymond, Jim & David to meet to consider options and plan.

Number of " no dig beds" and whether they will be included in the wider Field rotation or have a separate no dig rotation to be decided.

If 3 beds are taken as no dig the number of plots available for the general Field rotation will be reduced with an impact on the time intervals between sowing/ growing.

Tuesday evening- useful in growing season..well attended. Now stopped in autumn.

Tattie Lifting - Oct

Saturday & Tuesday markets - plan to sell for initial 2 weeks in Oct then STOP. Gate stall stocking will continue.

Skip Hire- discuss next meeting.

Trailer - Robert G has toebar so can take some material to recycling.

Toby: one more visit then stop for winter.

Winter Planning - green manure on bare ground

- level old Polytunnel floor around periphery for new staging.

- cardboard placement on future no dig beds (weed

suppression)

Sudden death - sad death of environmentalist, wildlife supporter and sustainable living leader Simon Pepper.

A bereavement note to be sent to his wife in Aberfeldy.-?Dave R or Raymond?

Kitchen Garden : Potential herb garden area development in 2019.

Selling / Harvesting- a larger gate stall to be considered- Dave R to put on Oct Agenda.

Biodiversity- no change

Apples: juicing discussed - a decision not to proceed with an external commercial juicer at present. Raymond advised even an electric juicer requires peeling, coring and can take 40 apples to make 1 litre. Thereafter machine needs cleaned of debris/ residual material. One litre takes 20 minutes to make.

Website/ Twitter - no update of new action planned.

A.O.C.B

Deer fence- vigilance needed to ensure perimeter fence intact.

Preserving/ Pickling: Maddy suggested a cooking day which could use an unused commercial kitchen for a day to make chutney, pickles to aid use of apples, beetroot etc and be available during winter months.

Invitation to potential new trustees- no current vacancies but if there is new Trustee interest some longer standing trustees may consider stepping down for a period. Dave Amos to send email to seek any potential new trustees.

Jute Bags - 50 small and 50 large to be ordered- Maddy will action this.

Banner- Field will commission Maddy to do a graphic for the future banner.

Box Scheme- Birnam Arts acts as a conduit for a Box scheme which some local people erroneously believe this is "Field" produce. These boxes are to be labelled with produce source to avoid confusion.

Next Meeting -

Tuesday 30th October 1900 hrs

Venue-Raymond & Linda...tbc.

.