

**DUNKELD AND BIRNAM @THE FIELD
TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019
The field, Dunkeld**

DRAFT 12/08/2019

The meeting commenced with a walk round the field followed by a meeting in the polytunnel

1. PRESENT: John Small, Dave Roberts, Dave Amos, Maddy Hand, David Bee, Elspeth Baillie, Raymond Simpson, Linda Simpson, Sandy Howe(welcomed back)
2. APOLOGIES: Sarah Davidson, Jim Cockburn, Robert Gunn
3. MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING 18th June 2019
Agreed as a correct record with amendment to Toe Flax
4. MEMBERSHIP;
Dave Amos gave an update and membership is now standing at 96. Dave Roberts and Dave Amos to meet to update the membership list. Helen Halley accepted as new member.
5. FINANCIAL POSITION
Jim had given his apologies but balance now stands at £13,700
6. ADMINISTRATION ISSUES.
 - Safeguarding no updates.
 - Notifiable events. – a new member had fainted it had been dealt with.
 - Communication standards. John Small requested that all communications to be in Word or PDF, so information can be uploaded to the website.
 - 10th anniversary of the field. It was agreed that we should explore a booklet or exhibition in the archive and find some way of commemorating Griselda if her family so desired.
 - Date for the Summerfest: Sunday, 1 September. It was agreed that next meeting we look at the arrangements for this day
 - Harvest supper Friday, November 1. It was agreed that Dave would explore possible chefs for the day, including Maria Olah.
 - New Banners collected. Extra care must be taken when taking them down as on a strong spring. And the banner could be damaged
 - Beechgrove Visit . John Small to take the lead in liaising with them

7.THE FIELD.

- **The Orchard.** It was noted that there was leaf damage on most trees. Possible actions include looking at on Google and ignoring completely.
- **Fruit Gage.** Anything is looking very healthy and the weeds are under control. An excellent job has been done by everybody
- **Compost bins.** No 6 full and fill No 1

- **Plot 1** a lot of work has been done by David and Sally. Remove any onions that could be taking out without damaging the membrane
- **Plot 2.** The peas are pathetic. The broad beans are doing well and need to be picked . The Courgettes and are doing well
- **Plot 3.** Strim the paths. Try and weed between the neeps
- **Plot 4.** Early potatoes doing well. However the swedes are not coming up and we will give them another week before resowing. Michael has done an excellent job weeding between the potatoes.
- **Plot 5.** The green Manure is doing well is doing well.
- **Plot 7.** No Dig beds Doing well there are six beds of carrots and there are two beds of parsnips and more to do. Robert has left Sandy a note and there is more weeding to be done. The weeding to be done ASAP. The Beetroot and spinach are doing well. It needs to be harvested and more planted. Joel has been helping . Beetroot doing well but needs weeding and then thinning.
- **The wild hedge** Investigate buying a hedge trimmer.
- **The composting** from the toilet needs to be urinated on in the bin. Toilet lid must be kept down.in the toilet
- **The herb garden** looking beautiful..
- **Large poly tunnel.** The sweetcorn is doing very well. The come up tomatoes and cucumbers need to be chained up. The aubergines are infected by greenfly, leave for a few days to see if the ladybirds do their job.
- **Small polytunnel.** Kale, red cabbage and runner beans to be planted. Garlic to be plaited. Pea Shoots to be eaten.

8. KITCHEN GARDEN

- It was noted that the fresh manure had caused problems for the potatoes and broad beans on Jim Sutton's patch
- The remaining garlic is to be lifted. The lettuce is to be eaten as soon as possible. The carrots in the kitchen garden to be thinned. Spring onions to be eaten. The squash is doing well. The celeriac and chard are both doing well. The artichokes are ready for eating.. The miniature cauliflowers are ready to eat.

9. Polytunnel. Both are doing well and the automatic watering system seems to be working well

10, Website

John has been updating. The minutes are to go up and John has been tweeting.

11. AOCB

- There was a further discussion about the 10th anniversary. It was agreed that we should at least write out the story and see Jamie Jauncey could help us.
- Fleeces- Ginny to order some more for new volunteers.
- Raised beds. Investigate these, possibly for the kitchen garden and build over the winter

12 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

7:00pm at the polytunnel at the field on Tuesday 20th August.