

Minutes of Dunkeld and Birnam Community Crowing (SCIO) Trustees meeting

White Cottage Dunkeld PH80AX 30th October 2018

Present : John Small,(Chair) Raymond and Linda Simpson Dave Roberts, Dave Amos, David Bee Robert Gunn, John Small, Sandy Howe , Maddy Hand, Sarah Davidson, Jim C Apologies Elspeth Halley

1.Matters arising or carried over from Minutes of previous meeting 25th September

Tree Surgeon: Jamie has not been up to assess risks, keep reminding him.*Action whoever sees him!*

Water Key: Bill Ellis has not as yet provided this

Compost: see agenda for this meeting.

New Banner: *Action Maddy is on the case.*

2.Membership:

Standing at 103. Proposal to reduce single person membership from £15 to £12.50 agreed .

3.Finances:

Current running carrying a deficit of over £2000 for the year to date. Produce has brought in over £3000 to date with another 5 months to go.

4.Admin:

Grow Project sensors were not designed for outdoor use and have failed, replacements are not speaking to the App which needs upgrading, an ongoing project.....

Fallen Oak trees: In order to comply with Insurance and HSE it was agreed to fund two volunteers for a basic chainsaw maintenance operating and crosscutting course at £310 each to deal promptly with fallen limbs and trees on Field Boundaries. *Action RS will research courses.LS ask for volunteers*

Insurance has been renewed by Dave R.

5.AGM:

No notifications of interest in becoming a trustee.

Maddy will ask Peter Flood to make a brief presentation on Matching the Seasons

Dave R. will get raffle tickets.

6. Field:

Tatties will be lifted this Thursday

Polytunnel still producing spinnach, lettuce and carrots

Compost from Binn Farm will arrive in the New Year

Waste materials can be taken to bin near recycling bins or the skip in our trailer.

2 new metal dibbers with foot rest will be needed for the leeks next year.

Kitchen Garden etc.

Garlic to be planted soon.

Jim has provided wallflowers

Toby trimmed hedge

Stall at gate

Ginni is leading on harvesting and stocking ,regularly taking £60 pw.

Various suggestions for improving weather proofness of stall.

Biodiversity:

Agreed to strategically improve biodiversity by mowing less of our field. At critical times of year for flowering seeding and wildlife. Hamish should be involved in planning.

Phascillia , we should plant more but needs to be undersown to suppress weeds.

Next Meeting: 24th Nov to focus on action plan following Reflection Meeting