

Minutes of the Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing Trustees Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 Oronsay House

Present: Dave Amos and Maddy Hand Linda and Raymond Simpson, John Small ,  
Elspeth Baillie Davis Bee , Robert Gunn, Sandy Howe, Dave Roberts, Sarah  
Davidson

2:Apologies: Jim Cockburn

3.minutes of previous meeting approved

4.Membership: now at 100 and possibly more to come.

5.Financial position:£14918.35 in the bank. **Some invoices submitted to be paid. DA to pass to JC**

6.Administration:

No notifiable events but some health and safety warnings such as trip hazards, using saws ,wasps.  
Current treatment for this is to apply ice or cool pack. **SD will supply a flask of ice for Summerfest.**

Policy file: a work in progress **DR**

GROW sensors: RG and DB reported that they have not been successful in connecting up to their phones. DR has written to ask for contact with Wendy McCombe who supplied them.

SPID notice: Plumber Gavin Potter says he will try to make the required adjustments by the due date .nb Scottish Water will attend Summerfest. He will also give a quote for 2 new standpipes in new polytunnel.**SD**

Re water issues: RG put in a request for a key to turn off and on the water over winter. **Rs said he would make one.**

Summerfest Organisation: MH distributed a form with the usual stalls and activities

Jobs were allocated :to be prepared we need more tables **DR**.Mugs : **SD and DR to supply more.**

**Potatoes** : save rogue potatoes for the wellie competition. Bankfoot gala gazebo **DR** .Prizes :

**SD**.Wellie prizes : **DA to supply** .Tattie peel : **DB to purchase**. Soup: **DB and Pam Green** .Rolls etc : **Marilyn and Ginny to purchase**. Posters ; **MH and DA to bring to shed** . **PLEASE DISTRIBUTE.**

Still to be confirmed : vegan cookery, live music

**Risk Assessment: DR and SH will complete**

Letter from Raymond Simpson concerning the oak trees etc.:Discussion on subject of risk and responsibility: A spectrum of views from gratitude for Raymond's timely hard work on making the environment safe from the fallen limb to reluctance to countenance risk taking and preference for paying for professional involvement.

Outcome: **SD will contact various professionals to arrange an assessment**, removal of any dangerous limbs within a reasonable time frame and request a regular survey .Two trustees to meet with tree surgeons.

**DR will write to Soil Association** once we have some clarity over the work needed to be done.

**OSCR return: JC and DR have this in hand.**

Youth Harvest Festival: We agreed to supply vegetables.

Gazebo request: Picts in the Park dig will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept for 2 weeks .On the middle weekend they require 2 tables and 2 Gazebos for stall on the Sunday.**DR**

Visit from Journalists: On 1st Sept at 10 am Gabby..... from the Kitchen Garden will visit and on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept someone from Small Cities Big Personalities is visiting.**DR**  
The Horticultural Society have requested a talk on sowing seeds on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in January.  
**RS,LS and DR will prepare talk on seeds.**(Most of which is in 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pages of How the Field Works)

Do all trustees know the dblandtrust password and have access to these communications?

The SWRI ,Butterstone have requested a presentation from the **Daves** on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

AGM/Harvest Supper is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 50 places available on first come first served basis **DR will send invites after Summer Fest** (don't forget Griselda.) and remind regular volunteers to apply early. Peter Flood wishes to present the work of the artists/writers who meet At the Field.

Reflection meeting scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.**DR**

7.Field Update: Eat it!!!

Polytunnel Update: Important to start sowing now to fill the hungry gap in April and May eg spinach, winter carrots, lettuce and leaves. The beds are ready and resident crops will soon be lifted, tomatoes, runner beans, peppers. A meeting was proposed for Sunday 9th 10am to discuss using the new polytunnel. **This will not now go ahead.** Those who have expressed an interest already can speak with Sandy on regular work days. Sandy is preparing a short information sheet giving rotation proposals and suggestions for the coming winter.**SH**

A reduced watering rota will be needed over the winter.**SH**

Compost from Binn Skips: **DR and RG** will do site visit to check quality. concluded that best plan is to ask Mr Paton ,farmer ,to deliver it to us . **DR contact Binn Farm, LS/Rs contact Mr Paton.**

Toby the handy gardener: : ask to come every second Thursday

8.Kitchen Garden: Garlic and shallots harvested. More succession lettuce put in, beds to be cleared for mustard, carrots nearly all up.

Carrot tape experiment : conclusion was that the tape is easy to use though seedlings need thinning so too expensive on a larger scale.

9.Flowers: Cornflowers didn't germinate this year, other interesting flowers did. Bunches going to stalls.

10 Selling: Both stalls selling well now. Small amounts on gate too are being bought. Ginny keeping this stocked.

A banner for display beside the stalls and elsewhere is proposed. Roddy Hand has taken photos for this .A shop in Aberfeldy or Perth could make one.**MH** to send photos to DR. Choice of words to be decided also ?

Enquiries at the stall for information : **DR** to supply membership forms and the covering letter to satisfy this interest.

11.AOCB: A donation from the United Lodge of Dunkeld was received.Thank you letter to be written **DR**

A thank you letter from the Radio Producer of Grow it Cook it Eat it was received .

12:Date of next meeting :**25 th September 7pm at Sarah 's.**

