

Minutes of a meeting of **Scone Remembers** held in Scone New Church Hall on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Pete Olsen, in the Chair
Rob Burke
David Dykes
Helen Flatley
Frances Halley
Hugh Mackenzie
Robert Macduff-Duncan
Dawn Olsen
Merle Palmer
Paul Schofield
Rodger Scott
Lewis Simpson

1 Introductions and welcome

Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made around the group.

2 Apologies for absence

Bob Gillespie, Jan Macduff, Elaine Pirie

3 Minutes of last meeting

There were no amendments to the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014

4 Matters arising and adoption of minutes

Matters arising from the minutes are dealt with elsewhere. Dawn proposed and Frances seconded the adoption of the minutes, all agreed.

5 Scone Estates Update

Pete read out an email received from Sarah Butler on 5 March which supported our project. Nothing has yet been formalised, this is likely to take several weeks, but it is enough for the initial application for lottery funding. Scone Estates will pay for a notice board at the entrance to the walks. It will keep people informed about what is happening. Interpretation will be about the people and how they fit into the landscape as well as habitat and ecosystems. Paul will explore this with Sarah.

6 Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust

Pete is planning a meeting with representatives to see where they can help us. They have been extremely helpful. In answer to a question about what the Trust would want from us Pete said they have so far asked for nothing but we need to finance the work ourselves, the Trust would be able to quote for it.

7 Quotes from potential contractors

Pete reported that three contractors have been to look at the site. Only one contractor has responded. He has quoted for all paths but not the car park and rest areas. We do not get the work done VAT free as a charity. There was some discussion around the interpretation boards, wood or steel, rest areas, quality seating, dry stone walling around the rest areas,

professional artist to do the art work for the interpretation boards. Sensory signs for which there would be funding could be discussed with Bob Ironside of Perth Society for the Blind.

8 Volunteer Time Sheets

Members were asked to complete these as it would help with funding as "in kind" costs. They should be sent to Pete.

9 Charity Application Update

Bob Gilliespie of PKAVS had suggested applying for SCIO because liability is limited. Robert pointed out that it can be quite inflexible although very popular. It was considered to be a reasonable way forward for us. It will take at least three months to become a registered charity.

10 Bank Account

A bank account has been set up with £264.50p waiting to be deposited. We are still awaiting paying in and cheque books.

11 Website Update

We have applied to Thomson Charitable Trust for £600 of funding for the website. We can negotiate a price with the preferred website builders. Merle suggested using the free social media, which is used a great deal by young people, to publicise our project until the website is up and running. It might be worthwhile contacting the Academy to get young people involved. Lewis said he would speak to the community learning worker for the area.

12 Lottery Update

There is to be a seminar in Edinburgh next month.

13 Events Sub-Committee

(i) Frances outlined some of the fund raising ideas which had come out of meetings of the sub-committee. She is planning to ask Sid House to come and talk about David Douglas, possibly on a Saturday afternoon. We hope children might be interested. It has been difficult getting in touch with the head teacher at RDM. Lewis said he would speak to the school on our behalf.

(ii) The first event is a BBQ in Pete and Dawn's garden on Saturday 24 May, tickets £10 each. The Co-op is donating the cost of the food and Inveralmond Brewery is giving a keg of beer. The burgers and sausages will be purchased from Ann Davidson Butcher in Scone. The Grouse Whisky people will give us prizes to raffle and Excel Wines will sell bottles at half price.

(iii) A car boot sale is planned for the summer and a candle party and toy sale nearer Christmas. David said he would give Frances a name for the Magic Circle for close magic and she also asked if anyone knew of a caricaturist.

(iv) Another suggestion was for an "Antiques Roadshow" kind of event where an expert would evaluate old items. The Black Watch charged per item, Auchterarder raised over £1,000 with such an event. Merle said she would ask the manageress at Abernyte to suggest someone. A strawberry tea in conjunction with this event has been suggested. A cheese and wine cultural event with artists and photographers is planned for next February.

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(i) Dawn is to put information about individuals named on the memorial into Destiny. She will contact families first. Robert is willing to write something about one of his ancestors

(ii) Rodger will explore insurance quotations. He will need the acreage and length of the path (1.8K). Paul thought the acreage was about 35 hectares. Fund raising events will have to be added as and when they occur.

(iii) Dates for walking the paths.

15 Date of next meeting

Probably July/August once we hear from the Lottery and OSCR.