

## **Minutes for Maryculter Woodlands Trust for Thursday 20th September 2018, Eastland**

**Members Present:** Bill Caffyn, David Brainwood, Susan Astell, Ed Thorogood

**Apologies:** Alice McAra, Inga Milne, Nigel Astell

**Minutes:** The previous minutes were accepted

**Finance:** The current bank balance is £7,293

The following payments were made:

1. £4,860 (incl £810 VAT) to Eastland Foresters for orchard/tree nursery
2. £3,352 (incl £558 VAT) to Alan Whiteford for Lower (Burnside) Road

The following payments were received:

1. £20 donation from Harry & Sandra Montgomerie (cash donation, not yet in bank)

Known Liabilities:

1. Orchard/tree nursery £1,080 for plants + £4,200 for expansion. The expansion has cost £2,900 so far of which £1,800 has yet to be invoiced. The order for the orchard trees and plants has yet to be placed
2. £5,047 (incl £841VAT) remaining commitment to roads
3. Signs £130. Action: Nigel to present invoice
4. Chap Quarries. Delivery of 'dirty' sand. Hopefully a charitable donation

Known Income:

1. Vat reclaim
2. Gift aid still to be claimed

### **Projects**

**Roads** Alan Whiteford has finished work in the wood. The blinding on the road from the Big T junction down to the start of the new forest road is a little thin. We will need to monitor this section of road and also check that the new section of road drains properly. The final invoice has been received from Alan Whiteford.

Action: Nigel to contact Hugh Craigie of Chap Construction to ascertain what price can be arranged for sand, in case this is needed.

**Orchard.** Nothing to report. Project closeout report due end November.

**Nest boxes.** Nothing to report

**Recycled Deer fencing.** Nothing to report. **Action:** Ed, Nigel & Bill to agree a location.

**Pond** The various costings for a pond liner were considered and compared, from top of the range to cheaper options. There will also be the cost of digger hire. The Wind Farm is oversubscribed and

has been very generous in the past; however it was felt that we should still apply for funding for the pond in the hope that some might still be available. **Action:** Ed will co-ordinate the application.

**Insect hotel.** Work is progressing well.

### Events

**October Work Party** Main task will be to re-install the gate and noticeboard at the Burnside entrance & putting up the signs donated by Carolyn Morrison

**AGM** Date confirmed -Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall , Kirkton of Maryculter. There will be a ballot should new members wish to come forward. Bill has offered to continue as treasurer whether or not he continues as a member of the board. **Action:** Inga to book venue. **Action** Ed/Alice to issue announcement to all members

**Beer Fest** Inga has kindly agreed to organize the Beer Fest again. Waiting until the end of October will give the brewers time to produce some nice local beer for after the October break. Ed has offered the use of his garden and garage as the location, and this was very popular in the past.

**Winter Wonderland** This will be held in December.

### AOB

There will be a meeting on 9th October at Hillside School to discuss the sale of Clochandigher Woods

**Next Meeting** This will be held at on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Ed's house