

## **Minutes for Maryculter Woodlands Trust Board Meeting, Weds 12<sup>th</sup> December, Inga's house**

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

**Apologies:** Aileen Roberts

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November Board meeting were approved after minor corrections.

**Finance:** The current bank balance is £7,926

The following payments were made (debited from bank account since the last meeting):

1. None

The following payments were received (credited to bank account since last meeting):

1. £10.04 from AmazonSmile
2. £40 donation from community member (Paul)
3. £40 donation from MaryculterFest
4. £1,000 donation from Val & David Heslop

**Action:** Ed to write to Val & David to thank them for the donation

Known Liabilities (not yet debited from account):

1. £664 return of award from MC Wind Farm
2. £3,000 + VAT for chainsaw crew
3. £1,080 + VAT for mulching
4. £162 to Ed for tree netting
5. £30 to Bill for ratchet loppers
6. £146 to Inga for expenses

Known Income (not yet credited to account):

1. £500 Gift aid still to claim
2. £20 donation from MaryculterFest (from Brett)
3. £300 from Portlethen Town Association for xmas tree (invoice total £456)
4. £86.50 in donations received during the Winter Wonderland Walk

**Action:** Bill to deposit in bank the donations received from WWW.

**Action:** Reserve a bag of birch logs for Dean in recognition of preparing the annual MWT accounts  
(Note: assumes that we gather birch logs this autumn)

## Projects

**Pond (by Ian's garden).** The wind farm award was returned to KDP (see minutes from Nov Board meeting for more details), but not yet debited from our account. The project is now officially on hold until new funds can be raised next year.

**Pond (widened watercourse).** The complaints raised by Mr Skinner were discussed (reported elsewhere).

**Pond (between forest roads).** Potential project for next year, would require SEPA approval as it would connect to watercourse

**Spruce Thinning.** Completed, awaiting invoice from Eastland Foresters.

**Nest boxes, Recycled Deer Fencing:** Nothing to report

**Mulching.** Waiting for invoice.

**Orchard: Action:** Nigel to obtain replacement trees from Ben Reid.

## Events

**Jan WP.** Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. Probably tree-planting, if conditions allow. Could also consider more work on the recycled deer fence, installing sleepers on ditches path, installing owl/ bird boxes.

## AOB

Office-bearers. The Board decided to keep the office-bearers unchanged:

Chair: David

Vice-chair/ admin: Ed

Treasurer: Bill

**Action:** Ed to investigate the cost of 5 keyed-alike padlocks & 15 keys

**Action:** Nigel to suggest a date to bring in his tractor/trailer into the wood to collect birch logs

**Next Meeting: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January, 8pm, Eastland**