

North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust

Pigeys board

Minutes of Director Trustees on Thursday 26th July 2012 at the Methodist Chapel School
Room, Knapton

Present

David Gosling (DG): (Chair of Meeting): Peter Kaye (PK): B Abbs (BA): Mike Wright (MW)

Apologies

Edward de Feyter (EdeF); Neil Stubbs (NSt); Nick Sutherland (NS)

:Absent

Don Birch;

1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 30th May 2012

1.1 The **Minutes** had been circulated before the meeting and were approved by all and signed by DG

1.2 Any matters arising are to be dealt with when appropriate during the meeting

2 Main Items

2.1 Community Spaces Grant-Phase 4: DG reported that the application to Groundwork had been slightly amended at their request to eliminate the travel Bursary concept and include a family education/ involvement project. The new bid had been submitted on 26th July and the result is now expected before the end of August, with a one year delivery target. The total amount has not changed

2.2 Possible Heathland reinstatement: DG will submit a Grant application for this in August and BA will liaise with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Dominic Arnold to confirm details, costs and dates. The Application will be to the NNDC Big Society Fund

2.3 Other Grant Items The Big Society bid will also include constructing a west facing viewing platform and various other small items

2.4 Sluice Gates A separate application to a different Fund will be made

2.5 Canal/ Footpath Updates DG reported no further information but Mr Ashton is determined to challenge the Stop Notice and to press on regardless. DG will monitor the situation and has reminded him and the Canal Trust of their legal requirement to maintain the Footpath along the Eastern towpath, which is now impassable

2.6 Dipping Platform The best solution seems to be to lift the flooring, possibly by buying and installing pallets-this will be pursued and the work carried out as soon as practicable. The platform cannot be offered to schools until the height is sorted

2.7 Tree Tags Agreed to be important to finalise this . BA will make a start. He also needs to complete the Tree List for the website

2.8 Maintenance At present the main emphasis is on grass cutting near the entrance and keeping main pathways free of nettles etc

3 Other Items

3.1 Finance DG reminded all that 31st August is year end and everyone should submit any expense claims to him, preferably before the end of August
He reviewed the latest accounts figures which show a General ("free") reserve of £2900 –but this is before Trustee expense claims

3.2 Vandalism PK to report on the practicalities/ cost of a camera being installed in the Oak opposite the Barn

3.3 Tree Survey MW has prepared a suitable map. A survey date, probably using an October Working Party date needs to be fixed. MW has the survey forms used at the last inspection

3.4 Barn Agreed that we could look into improving the Barn in terms of seating, elimination of excess green growth at the front and new species posters. The monies previously donated "in memoriam" could be used for this

3.5 Possible Wildlife Surveys PK to make contacts re Moths and Bats. MW's new trap equipment can be used with the new generator

4. Next Meeting

As previously agreed, on Thursday 27th September at Knapton Methodist Church, starting at 7.00pm

Signed as Approved

Dated.....

