

**MINUTES of MEETING of DUCHESS WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE COMMITTEE held
in the LOMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL, HELENSBURGH
on TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2018**

Present: Councillor Lorna Douglas (Chair)

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Johann Urquhart, Principal Teacher of Lomond School
Sean McCay, Land Agent, Luss Estates
Mhairi Gardiner, Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Martin Grafton, Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW)
Morag Young, Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW)
Jean Senior, Argyll TSI

1. APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Wendy Brownlie, Education Manager
Lorna Pearce, Senior Development Officer
Morevain Martin, Argyll TSI
Sara MacLeod, Branching Out
Stewart Campbell, Friends of Duchess Wood
Ailsa Cunningham, Technical Officer

2. MINUTE

The Minute of the previous meeting which was held on 22nd May 2018 was approved as a correct record.

Arising from item 5 "Top Dogs Day Out Update" it was noted that a separate meeting had been arranged to take forward arrangements for the planning and marketing of the 2019 event and that the item had not therefore been included on the agenda.

Arising from item 7 "Any Other Competent Business" the Area Governance Officer advised that Louise Connor, Head of Education, had responded to the previous offer from Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW) regarding opportunities to work with local schools in relation to the crowdfunding effort to provide a copy the book "The Lost Words" to all schools in Scotland. Louise had offered to forward information in an email from FODW to individual Head Teachers for their consideration.

3. FRIENDS OF DUCHESS WOOD REPORT

The Committee considered a report which provided an update from Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW).

Martin Grafton spoke to the report advising that the maintenance teams have been back in action after a very quiet winter.

Decision

The Committee endorsed the contents of the report and agreed that David Lewin, FODW would liaise with Ailsa Cunningham, Technical Officer, regarding the immediate issues regarding the diseased trees and that this would be an item for discussion at a future meeting in light of concerns that a survey may be required to assess the extent of the problem.

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