

Alistair Macbeth joined the meeting at 10.15am.

(b) **THEMED TRAIL RUNNING EVENT - SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2014**

The Chair spoke of the request from Tri-Events to host a run through the wood on 25th October. She advised that this would adopt the same style as last year, which had proven to be a success. Mr McCracken confirmed that a pack had been sent to the organiser but had not yet been returned.

Having noted all of the above, the Committee agreed on the course of action outlined. The Chair requested that an update be provided to the next meeting of the group.

4. ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY

The Chair welcomed Eileen Kay, Community Learning and Development Worker. Ms Kay updated the group in terms of the ideas she had to encourage use of the wood and in particular family learning. Mr Macbeth stressed that the Friends of Duchess Wood would like to work in partnership. Both Mr Macbeth and Ms Kay agreed that partnership working around the 4 capacities for Curriculum for Excellence was the way forward.

Further discussion was had in relation to updating the education pack with clearer co-ordination arrangements to be put in place. Mr Cairns suggested that the pack could be created in such a way that outlying

to discuss with FODW the felling of old trees which he hoped to replace with Scots Pines – a survey of the eastern boundary should take place late September. An update was given in terms of the Japanese Knotweed with it being identified that further work requires to be undertaken in particular areas such as Duchess Drive. Mr McCracken advised that these works would commence in the coming weeks, weather dependent.

The Committee noted the update.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

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