

Attendees: MAC (treasurer), Suzanne Musleh (secretary), Charles McVey (chair)

Agenda:

Informal agenda – looking at equipment and progress of current project and also annual paperwork

Key aspects to discuss:

- Equipment purchased for Lost words project and what else is left
- Dates for skill shares
- Long term plan for the year for skill shares and art competition
- Brief feedback about GROWL development day
- Finalise and sign annual paperwork – constitution, admin form and finances
- Collect details to organise access to bank account

Discussion:

We confirmed our temporary committee roles and signed the constitution accordingly. This will be as follows:

Chair – Charles McVey

Treasurer – Mary-Anne Collis (MAC)

Secretary – Suzanne Musleh

These details will be adjusted on the OWL group website .

Annual paperwork – constitution signed, admin form confirmed and accounts confirmed by all.

The Lost Words

We have spent a large portion on the funds with some being left over for upcoming skill shares/workshops looking to hire others in to run a Lost words specific session and storytelling session.

RSPB and LLTNP have each agreed to run a skill share for us – birds and hapa zome.

MAC spoke to Eilidh about finances, historic grants and reporting etc. and it should all be in hand. Also discussed prize options for the art competition and it was decided it's better to have equipment not a voucher. Scottish Forestry can donate some things for the prize. The majority of this has now been purchased.

It was decided that we should adjust our plans for the skill share and art competition timings, partly as we don't have enough time to organise and give entrants enough time to finish in the summer.

Also adjusted idea for art competition to only be for groups and leader needs to be WD OWL member.

New plan moving forwards will be to advertise in April that there will be an art competition in the autumn and that we will be running skill shares end of May/June time to showcase what the group

has and help provide ideas for the next terms competition. This also gives at least 6 weeks to advertise sessions.

The competition will be a photo submission. We have the following judges lined up – LLTNP education officer, RSPB local site staff, Woodland trust education officer.

John Muir Award

Brief discussion that this has been opened up for proposals again. However, MAC had a brief look at the info and you may have to pay a yearly fee to be a provider. Needs more looking into – MAC attending an online session in May to understand more.

Follow Up:

- MAC to send annual paperwork to Eilidh
- MAC to contact skill share/workshop leaders to look at dates end May/start June - Favouring Tuesday/Thursday evenings (4-5.30pm) and sat/sun for longer sessions.
- MAC to try sharing onedrive with Charles again.
- MAC to add others to bank account.
- MAC to look into access to facebook account for others.

Future plans:

- Finish buying things for Lost Words project
- Advertise skill share events once have dates
- Keep up momentum in group – future networking events, through spring/summer/autumn.
- Official meetings – need at least 2 and an AGM – could be online. Or in person with a small skill share. We'll keep the committee meets to just us for now to get up to speed with things but then look to open them up.
- Need a plan for AGM and networking event to keep momentum