

North Highland Owl Meeting

Scout Hut, Evanton

22 July 2021

Present: Gregor, Kerry, Julie Brewer and Julie Gordon

Apologies: Simon, Shirley-Anne, Petria, Larissa

June minutes were proposed as true by Kerry and seconded by Gregor.

June Action Points:

1. Re question: How do we know about new members?
 - a. Gregor will ask new members to write a little blurb about themselves and he will put it up on the NHOWL site. **Action point: Gregor**
2. Re: After School skill shares for teachers.
 - a. Kerry, Shirley-Anne and Julie agreed to postpone their discussion about skill sharing with schools until after the NHOWL launch and the Creeping Toad sessions.
No action needed at the moment
3. Re question: How will we keep track of our resources?
 - a. Gregor is still researching the different programmes that are being used for this purpose before setting one up for NHOWL. **Action point: Gregor**

June continued and July Action Points on Creeping Toad and NHOWL Launch:

4. Re: Creeping Toad sessions
 - a. Re: Clarifying with Gordon **Action Point: Kerry**
 - a.i. Timing of sessions: 15th 2 sessions with classes=10-11:30 and 12:30-2:00?
17th 2 sessions= with class 10:00-12:00 and CPD 2:00-4:00?
 - a.ii. Clarify with Gordon the specific content of CPD session on Friday afternoon; vocabulary, observation, book and/or puppet making?
 - a.iii. Share information with committee
 - b. Re: Updating information **Action Points: Gregor**
 - b.i. flyer ◊sending revised flyer to Julie Brewer
 - b.ii. NHOWL website
 - c. Re: Disseminating Creeping Toad information **Action Point: Julie Brewer**

- c.i.1. On generic emails to schools and on Highland Council CPD calendar
 - c.i.2. Writing a brief/including website URL and attaching Gregor's flyer
 - c.i.3. To committee re: progress
 - d. Re: Providing lunch, coffees and teas **Action Point: Julie G and Kerry**
 - d.i. Julie=Wednesday; Kerry=Friday
 - e. Re: Next year's Creeping Toad session
 - e.i. Getting confirmation from Simon that there are dates booked for next year's Creeping Toad's sessions to be held up North **Action Point: Kerry** info to Julie G
 - e.ii. Getting in touch with someone from the North who would be interested to organise 2 sessions with Creeping Toad, if they have been booked **Action point: Julie Gordon**
- 5. Re: NHOWL launch
 - a. Date/place confirmed
 - a.i. Re questions: Has the date of the launch been finalised with Fairburn? What options does NHOWL have? Clarify via email which dates suit everyone in committee and Lizzie McDougall **Action point: Gregor** (Julie G will check with Lizzie if changed)
 - b. Re: Decisions made
 - b.i. Time: 11-3
 - b.i.1. at 10:30 coffee and tea will be available
 - b.i.2. Morning session=11-12:30
 - b.i.3. Afternoon session=1:30-3:00
 - b.ii. Format:
 - b.ii.1. Loose—people can sample activities
 - b.ii.2. Start and finish= perhaps an introduction? A wrapping up? Everyone will chat to participants throughout the launch.
 - b.ii.3. All gathering for lunch
 - b.ii.4. Three activities before lunch, three after lunch on offer; participants can float in and out of them
 - b.iii. Activities:
 - b.iii.1. Check with people if they are happy to do the following activities, supplies they need, lengths of time **Action point: Julie Gordon**

- b.iii.1.a. Willow shapes=Petria
- b.iii.1.b. Mini-beast hunting=Shirley-Anne
- b.iii.1.c. Lizzie=storytelling (morning session)
- b.iii.1.d. Woodland mindfulness =Larissa
- b.iii.1.e. Campfire cooking= Julie G and Gregor (morning session?)
- b.iii.1.f. Shelter building with tarps and knots= Kerry
- b.iii.2. Choose which other activity for the morning session **No action needed at the moment**
- b.iii.3. Raffle of The Lost Words Book **Action Point: Julie Brewer**
- b.iii.4. Dissemination information
 - b.iii.4.a. Launch date and information out on NHOWL website **Action Point: Gregor**
 - b.iii.4.b. Launch information to go to organisations via email **Action Point: Gregor (Julie G will do UHI)**
 - b.iii.4.c. Launch information to go to schools **Action point: Julie Brewer**
 - b.iii.4.d. Printing photos of NHOWL activities: **Action Point: Gregor**
 - b.iii.4.e. Gathering of photos: **Action point: Kerry and Julie**
 - b.iii.4.f. Photos of what we do; available activities and schedules of the day arranged on display boards **Action Point: Julie Brewer**
 - b.iii.4.g. List of upcoming Saturday sessions◇ Share with Julie Brewer so she can put them on a display board: **Action Point: Julie Gordon**
 - b.iii.4.g.i. Check willingness/ availability/date/materials required/payment for:
 - b.iii.4.g.i.1. Rocket making -Simon (Science)
 - b.iii.4.g.i.2. Early Years Maths- Julie B (Maths)
 - b.iii.4.g.i.3. Creeping Toad- Gordon (Literacy/Art)
 - b.iii.4.g.i.4. Dan Puplett—(environmental educator)
 - b.iii.4.g.i.5. Expressive Arts in Nature—NHOWL members

b.iii.4.g.i.6. Reserve could be willow lanterns,
minibeast hunting

b.iii.4.h. Resources

b.iii.4.h.i. OWL publications [Action Point: Kerry](#)

b.iii.4.h.ii. Cakes and biscuits [Action point: Anyone who wants to bake](#)

News

6. Shirley-Anne has offered to chair meetings in Simon's absence and we have all happily accepted. [Action Point](#) when needed: Shirley-Anne
7. The West Highland Owl group is having their launch on Wednesday, 11th August at Lochalsh Woodland Park from 11:00-3:00. They are asking if anyone from NHOWL would be free and willing to go along and offer an activity. They can offer £150 pounds in payment. Asking for payment for petrol and resources, Kerry and Julie G are going through to lead activities which have yet to be determined. There are two places available in a car going over to the launch. If anyone would like to lead an activity or go to the launch, please get in touch.
8. Put on the 2022 CPD for Highland Council calendar and out an e-mail to HTs information about workshops delivered by Creeping Toad and possibly, if we can get him booked, Dan Puplett. [Action Point: Julie Brewer](#)
9. Information about 2022 workshops to go out to other organisations via e-mail attaching Gregor's flier. [Action Point: Gregor and Julie G](#)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 5th August at Julie Brewer's house at 4:00 Address: 12 Drummond Road IV16 9UT

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Review progress on all of this month's Action points
2. Create a list of Action Points from discussion
3. Label NHOWL kit
4. Discussion of launch: Who are we targeting? Professionals working with groups or the public (If public posters, maybe an article in the Northern Times?)

