

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Fordell Firs- Little Bugs Nursery

**Present:** Eric Main (Chair), Katie-Marie Nash (Treasurer), Jess Hermann (Secretary, Kelty PS) Jenny Ventham (Committee Member, Forestry & Land Scotland FLS) Karen Valentine (Committee Member,Secret Garden Nursery), Christopher Leitch (Committee Member and Primary Teacher), Chris Childe (Childe in the Wild), Richard Marshall (Little Bugs Nursery), Zoe Mayes (Committee Member and Primary Teacher)

**Apologies**

Jenny Paterson (stepping back)

Rebecca Logsdon

Mick McMillan (Cardenden PS)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

* St Kenneths have been in touch regarding training using fires and kelly kettles.
* Suggestion of launching school training session with agreement of funded resources such as clothing/puddle suits.
* Suggestion by Mick Mc Millan of changing West Fife OWLs to Fife OWLS. It was highlighted that Fife is a very large area to cover, especially when the majority of members are West Fife based, however, with Chris based in St Andrews, networking could expand this net.
* Jenny to get in touch with Tay OWLS to cover Newburgh, St Andrews etc in the mean time.

**Presentation of Annual Report**

Achievements- Madras College and Kelty Primary Teacher support projects were very successful with staff gaining further confidence in their practice..

Duloch Primary School orienteering CPD lead by Jenny and Jess.- Potentially extend and offer more detailed expressive arts sessions?

Continuing to offer and promote loans of Outdoor Learning kit.

* Website easiest way to promote this and networking through social media.
* Jess to investigate the ins and outs of promoting through facebook.
* Bushcraft Sessions in Townhill Woods: Great feedback by those attending. Aim more towards older groups?- Approach secondary schools about an afterschool of extra curricular club?
* Outdoor Food Hygiene Course: Very popular and successful. Could run again?

**Treasurers report**

Insurance £323

Output Outdoor Cooking £1600

Input Scottish Forestry £5706.14

Bank Account Total £8850.31

(Note: will be less after Scottish Forestry grant is used to pay freelancers for Madras and Kelty projects.)

**Potential CPD Sessions for the commencing year (March onwards)**

Food hygiene

Outdoor First Aid- advertise 8 free places to use our funding

Music Twilights

**Networking Event: Suggested date Wednesday 27th September 2023 3:30-6pm**

* Karen to contact Pittencrieff PArk-Carnegie Trust
* Owen-Storytelling
* Kirsty Strachan
* Grant-The Sanctuary Garden
* Gavin of the Woods
* Aline- Forest School
* Natural Connections
* Jenny Forestry Land Scotland
* Scouts
* Ardroy-Phil
* Kingdom of Fife Orienteering
* Active Schools
* Willow Den Nursery

**Advertising**

Contact Mick regarding fife bulletin

Eventbrite

Flyers for schools with dates

**New Committee**

Eric Main and Karen Valentine (Joint chair to share load and any absences)

Katie Marie Nash (Treasurer)

Jess Hermann and Christopher Leitch (Joint Secretary)

Jenny Ventham (Committee Member)

Zoe Mayes (Committee Member)

**Action Points**

* Karen Valentine: Contact Pittencrief Park to book date for Networking Event and scouts. Find out off Mick about Fife bulletin.
* Jenny: Forestry Land and Scotland representative if not available. Gavin of the woods?
* Jess: Contact Natural Connections and Aline Hill.
* Once we have a confirmed date, we can reallocate contacts via whatsapp.

**Next Meeting:**

**Fordell Firs Little Bugs 29th August 6:30pm**