**Minutes of the RAW Committee held via Zoom on Thursday 27th May 2021**

Present; Peter Dreghorn, Andy Stott, Jackie Galley, Norma Fears, Andy Tunnicliffe, Nick Chisholm, Gareth Pedley

Apologies: Steven Gillespie

1. **Welcome**Peter welcomed everyone to our first evening meeting and Andy explained he had apologies from Steven.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**Andy had circulated them and there was a slight amendment. The meeting accepted them. Andy would change the status from Draft and upload to the RAW website and add the link.*Action: Andy*
3. **Actions arising from the minutes.**  
   2) Constitution, held over  
     
   3) Business plan – held over to the next meeting  
     
   4) Donate Button – Outstanding, Andy S and Andy T need to discuss once we have a bank account  
     
   5) Peter had tried to contact the Annan Fisheries board to no effect, Andy offered the bailiffs telephone number.  
     
   6) Awaiting to hear from Bank of Scotland re Treasurers account

7) Andy and Norma visited Matthew White, Matthew stated that he had no capital to fund trees upfront. The Galloway Glens grant requires that the recipient funds upfront and is subsequently refunded. Norma also stated that Matthew was insistent that he could not maintain the trees for a further five years. So, he would require our help to do that. He wants to plant an Aspen wood.   
Subsequently Nick suggested we use our initial funding from MCC. Andy agreed to speak to David Booth re usage of the grant we have.  
*Action: Andy*

We would have to check that this would work and speak to Matthew.   
  
8) Jackie took the action from Anna to get the details of the contact at the Scottish Wildlife Trust. The Riverwoods officer has not yet been appointed. Jackie is awaiting to hear from the overall RiverWoods project.

9) Jackie will remind/prompt Mark Fulton re the Chapel Cross projects.  
  
10) All other actions completed.

1. **SOSE**  
   Peter explained he and Andy had had several Zoom meetings with Rowan Lloyd from SOSE, about applying for a possible grant of £10k. Rowan must make the case to his board for the funding. He is struggling to get the ‘Enterprise’ aspect into what we do. But he is very keen to help us forward, but it might take a while. Peter has a meeting on June 8th face to face at Adamsholm, Andy S cannot go, so Peter asked for another RAW member to attend. Andy T agreed to attend. Andy agreed to share what Rowan has sent us.
2. **Co-Op funding**Jane Grey who lives up Annanwater mentioned getting the Co-Op to help with funding and as a result Peter has heard from the Co-Op. The grant is for help with improving the community’s mental health, possibly £10-20K. Peter has written back asking for a slight delay as we don’t yet have an account. We also need a financial government statement. Peter has drafted one.
3. **RiverWoods**  
     
   Jackie to re-send details of the scheme. They are adopting alternate funding model aligning with business buy in. She mentioned the ARLA scheme paying farmers to improve their environmental performance.  
   Peter thought this information would be useful in discussions with SOSE.
4. **Summer Litter Pick**  
   Nick would like to start in Moffat  
   We could engage with the local litter pickers. Start at School Holidays, get kids involved. So there is the doing and also the message about why. Peter to set up a Facebook page for RAW and NextDoor. Date to be after first week of the school holidays, possibly opening in talking to the school and getting volunteers.  
   Gareth to share working rivers WTT risk assessment  
   Nick has plenty of tongs but volunteers need to provide heavy duty gauntlets.  
   He suggests a weekend in July, Andy to set up Doodle poll sat and Sundays from second week of school holidays.  
   *Action: Andy*  
   Suggest around 10-15 people to turn up.  
   Making sure that lots of people who care, know about this is important . Let’s get the press involved.  
   1st weekend of October is a walking festival and also the Eagle festival are also opportunities and also 11:00 -23:00 on the 15th August for the Moffat Gala day, to have a presence. Nick to talk to his contacts to get folk downriver from Moffat engaged.  
   *Action:Nick*
5. **River Flies**   
   Peter to invite Michael Fearns, along to speak.
6. **Website**  
   All to look at website and feedback anything missing, All to communicate website, raw.scot  
   Peter to do tandem Facebook page.  
   *Action: Peter*
7. **Crowd Funding**Agreed to wait until we have recent achievements.
8. **PODCAST**  
   As above, let’s wait..
9. **Questionnaire**Issue will be DPWR getting addressed from Annan River Trust. It could be that the landowners may not have agreed to be contacted.   
   Andy to put the questionnaire on-line. No postage costs.. But need a process to analyse the data. Gareth stressed the importance of feeding back to the submitters what was going to happen because of their input.  
   *Action:Andy*  
   Jackie said she thought there was a project here for one of more of Steven’s students using opportunity mapping using overlays from SEPA. This would enable us to target where we need to focus our efforts and requests for funding.  
   *Action: Steven to consider*
10. **Next Meeting**Face to face meeting in Moffat. To be held on 24th June 2021 at a Moffat venue to be decided  
    *Action: Peter to find venue*
11. **AOB**Peter to provide RAW details to Leys Geddes.  
      
    Photographs required for the following  
    Linn Hall – Lockerbie - Gareth  
    CoreHead – Moffat - Andy  
    Bodesbeck – Moffat - Peter  
    OakBank – Moffat - Norma

Andy Stott

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