**Notes from Open Spaces Meeting 11 April 2022**

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| Item | Detail | Action |
| 1. Attendance / Apologies | Lesley McDonald, Steve Johnson, Len Seal, Nathan Jamieson, Bob Ellis, Pauline Cropper, Catherine Lloyd, Caroline Shiers  Apologies: Mary Birch, Chris Martin, Kay Seal, Danielle Muir |  |
| 2. Davie Park  Lead: LM | Loon Braes Tidy up:  BE still to hear back from Payback Team.  BE still to hear back from Susan Duncan ref owner.  Willow Trees – 10 planted by car park and 5 by pond  Orchard Trees – 60 planted. CL advised to remove grass around base if possible esp if grass will be cut.  Raised beds – MB/CM to check if they can be moved as PKC own. (Pollinator info - https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators)  Benches (CIF) – 2 purchased and being delivered to PKC. Paul Summers to install these plus a wheelchair friendly bench by pond and move 2 other benches from play area to path towards pond. SJ to monitor  Friends of Davie Park – CM to create a list of activities and group to arrange 2 dates and ask for volunteers to help and use this as the formation of a Friends of Davie Park Group. Dates to be set by next mtg (9 May)  Pond – cleaned and wild flowers planted around. LS trying to source barley bales to help filtration.  Info board installation  BE asked about signs directing peopled from town centre to Davie Park facilities. These could be part of Rattray Transport Action Plan. CS to chase | BE BE  MB/CM  SJ  CM, LM  LS  CM  CS |
| 3. Lochy park  Lead: LS & KS | Trees – Rotary providing 5 trees – LM to price from Moyness  Wild flower pockets to be planted.  Concrete area – ask locals what they’d like it to be used for. Discuss ideas with CM  PC suggested hedges could be obtained from Woodland Trust for round edge as good connectors. PC to pass info. | LM  LM, CM  PC |
| 4. Gamsie  Lead: PC | Wildflower walk – PC provided photos of flowers from last year (attached to minutes) for DM to identify.  SUDS – DM keen to speak with developer to re-instate. CS to connect group with Gavin Bissett.  Fruit trees – 10 planted  Recycling bins – CS advised none could be added at moment but will speak with Scotia Homes.  PC asked who owned park next to Gamsie (opposite side to Gamsie Car Park) as it is great example of wild flower area. | DM  CS  CS |
| 5. Elm Drive Suds | PC advised clean up went well, DM happy with pond and advised it is quite deep (wader depth 5 feet from edge, middle deeper). LM asked whether this could be named Jubilee Pond thus allowing access to funding to help. Discussion about safety if community took on pond – need life ring etc. A bench was also suggested and could be sited next to Elm Drive. SJ and LM spoke with A Clegg post mtg – ideas to be passed via CM. | LM, PC, CM |
| 5. Riverside  Lead: NJ | Bat boxes being installed  Tree planting – 50 trees planted  Edible planting – review and plan new items | DM  All |
| 6. B Line  Lead: | Blair – Bridge of Cally – landowner (western side) keen to connect. LS and DM to meet.  Farmer in Kinloch also keen to work with biodiversity working with almost all land owners from Blair to Dunkeld to create a corridor. Formal agreement being sought.  Clear Humphrey is new Conservation Officer and Strathmore B Line is her responsibility – CL to put her in touch with us for mapping. | LS, DM  LS (update)  CL |
| 7. Other Actions | BiodiversityBlair Facebook & Instagram accounts in use by LM and NJ  Westpark – SJ awaiting response from developer  Town signs have been cleaned. Looking for permission to plant around signs.  Manage for Wildlife Survey – LM and LS had good meeting with Patrick last week and added all our areas to his map – info to be passed to maintenance. Patrick keen to keep in touch – to be added to distribution list.  Gullypot workshop – rescheduled possibly 29 May. Suggest ask High School Eco Group, ATC and Mens Shed (recommended age 16+)  Swift boxes – 4 ordered – end May into June before delivery  Verge signs – KS put SJ in touch with Stirling Group – await artwork from them to have signs created.  **Parked Items**  Foragers - Plant edible hedges (year 2)  Plant edible corners (year 2)  Davie Park Mural  Bat box map – will evolve | SJ  LM  LM, SJ  LM, LS, SJ  DM  SJ |
| 8. Funding Update | Only £6-700 short – many thanks Len for managing this. |  |
| 9. AOCB | Biodiversity Blair was working here sign – design discussed and wording updated. LM/CL to ask DM for some native insect images. | LM, CL, DM |
| 10. Date of Next Meeting | Monday 9 may at 2pm |  |