

## MINUTES

## BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 23rd April 2008, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.

**Attending:** Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, John Inglis, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams.

**Apologies:** Malcolm Hutcheson, Molly Hardie, John Rae

Item	Subject	DECISIONS
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Agreed
2	<b>Matters arising not shown below</b>	None
3	<b>Molly Hardie</b>	FA welcomed M Hardie to the committee and reported that she is working hard on BWG business for which the committee is very grateful.
3	<b>AGM</b>	Draft agenda was approved. MW suggested an extra committee post should be created to help with newsletter and computer work. Agreed this be added to the AGM agenda. FA will give the Chairperson Report; ET will give Treasurer and Membership Secretary reports. MW is stepping down as Minutes Secretary, and EB is resigning as Events Organiser. FA expressed thanks on behalf of the committee for EB's invaluable contribution which has added greatly to the enjoyment and knowledge of the membership. EB has not expressed an intention to leave the committee. Subscriptions for the coming year will remain unchanged. ET to have membership forms available at the AGM.
4	<b>Recent/forthcoming events</b>	<b>Outdoor meetings.</b> Walk at Plantation, there were few takers. May 4 <sup>th</sup> BTO tetrad; May 14 <sup>th</sup> Hartshope Valley – all organised. <b>Indoor meetings.</b> JR's talk after AGM. FA to organise posters. EB has produced outline programme of events up to late summer 2009.
5	<b>Surveys</b>	Butterflies. None seen yet at Cocklawburn. Several of various species seen at Tommy the Miller's, including Comma. Bats. LC – 2008 programme is organised.
6	<b>Records</b>	M Hardie is to send BWG records to EYE, which were gratefully received. Decided that records also be sent to Scottish Border Biological Record Centre (SBBRC)
7	<b>Tapee Fen</b>	Interest by Maurice McNeely in netting and ringing Pied Wagtails. Committee expressed reservations re. logistics of the operation – level of assistance required; time birds would be trapped in the net; it being the breeding season; low level of data gained by BTO from ringed small birds. BWG needs to check M McNeely's credentials. After long discussion decided to consult M Hutcheson when available.

8	<b>Grants</b>	Morrisons – FA to contact re. three girthing tapes at total cost £47. Northern Gas Networks are not to be approached this time. Esme Fairbairn organisation to be approached re. bat equipment. Discussion re. types of recording equipment most suitable for bat calls. JI to consult his contacts.
9	<b>BBLSP</b>	Some of our points were taken up and included, so the exercise was worthwhile.
10	<b>Bats 2007</b>	Report now complete. Thanks to LC. Copies sent to relevant organisations.
11	<b>Governor's Garden</b>	FA read out LC's letter re. bats at Tintagel House, Love Lane. Committee approved.
12	<b>Tesco</b>	On hold due to planning appeal by Co-op
13	<b>Cocklawburn</b>	Numerous 18 fixed point photos taken. Sent to Steve Pullen, who has expressed thanks.
14	<b>Any other business</b>	EB had produced a report on activities of Berwick SOS group, and has sent posters and requests of sightings to residents of East Ord. Well received.
15	<b>Date/venue of next Cttee Meeting</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – then 18 <sup>th</sup> June.