

**Minutes****BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING****Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.****Attending:** Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams.**Apologies:** Mollie Hardy

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting (Nov)</b>	Agreed
2	<b>Matters arising not shown below</b>	None
3	<b>Recent events</b>	Excellent talk but small audience. Agreed not to hold talks in Dec. in future.
4	<b>Berwick is Brilliant Event on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	Invites delivered by post and by hand completed. FA to collect boards from library Mon or Tues. Screen is at the hall and JR to collect AV equipment from FA Tuesday. FA has mincepies; ET to get nibbles. JR to get drinks. M Hutcheson has BTO photos. FA to get report on Wagtails. Copies of recent reports to be on display. Tables, mounting materials etc. all organised. Organisers to meet 6.00pm at hall.
5	<b>Next Events</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb – wader count. Arrangements as before. FA has maps. 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Ian Kille, "Putting Berwick on Geological Map". FA to get projector.
6	<b>Shoreline Management Plan</b>	See <a href="http://www.northumberland-smp2.org.uk">www.northumberland-smp2.org.uk</a> Comments to be submitted by 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. Good quality report. FA & JR to compile response after detailed consideration.
7	<b>Request from Steve Lowe for coastal bird count – N and S of Estuary.</b>	Interested in roost sites at high tide FA awaiting more detailed info. M Hutcheson wants to do Dodds Well to pier survey of bird movements monthly starting January and will suggest BTO take it over from next year. Excellent.
8	<b>Estuary – e-mail from Shona Alexander</b>	European approach to problem. SA working with European partners re. estuary management/development. BWG invited to take part and has accepted.
9	<b>Lugworm digging Little Beach</b>	Reply from Phil Davey stating commercial digging is against the law. BBC could pass a bye-law enforcing protection locally. Police should warn off commercial diggers. Andy Swinburn at Berwick Police Station is the person to contact.
10	<b>B&amp;NNC EMS mtg Eyemouth 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Invite from Aisling Lannin. Good chance to pull all above together. Will be talks followed by a coastal walk in the afternoon.
11	<b>N. Gas Networks.</b>	Hand-over ceremony with NGN soon. A photo opportunity showing use of bat detectors, tree measuring etc., to be arranged. FA.
12	<b>Trees Tesco site.</b>	M Hutcheson to identify what they might usefully plant, and produce report for

		them.
13	<b>Cash to "tackle" neglected areas in town</b>	Advertiser article. FA to contact Sue Finch for more details. FA has e-mailed re. Old Coal Yard, but there is still no response.
14	<b>Data – maybe delay discussion on this until next meeting?</b>	We need to keep data in consistent form ourselves but one which is universally comprehensible. M Hardy and JR have ideas on this and FA to meet them to finalise details.
15	<b>Any other business</b>	Jl to contact Richard Wales re. red squirrel sightings on Scottish side of Border.
16	<b>Date/venue of next Cttee Meeting</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Castle Hotel.