

MINUTES

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 21st July 2010, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.

Present: Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams.

Apologies: Elizabeth Martin Fisher, Gill Young, Molly Hardie.

Item	Subject	Information and decisions to make
1	Minutes of last meeting (19th May)	Agreed.
2	Matters arising not shown below	None.
3	John Inglis – resignation from Committee.	FA read out his resignation. A card was signed, thanking John for his work and dedication and for his willingness to contribute to BWG work in the future.
4	Surveys	Bat and butterfly surveys. LC gave update on survey dates remaining. Bat numbers down recently probably due to windy weather; long, hard winter may have reduced numbers generally. M Hutcheson has not seen bats around Ord House this year. Two sizes of bats reported in garden on Castle Terrace. Discussion on effects of wind turbines on bats and birds. Wider Countryside Butterflies set up ready to go. Poor weather so far this month has hampered progress. Big Sea Survey – 3 members have started work, (with permit from Nat. Eng.). More surveyors to go on training days. Pond Survey to be organised. Small Mammals – JR organising 2 transects on Holburn Moss, checking traps and comparing habitats.
5	Indoor Meetings.	Nov 2010: Jaci Beavan. Productive discussion on possible speakers. Alnwick Wildlife Group kindly supplied list of speakers. Keith Regan contacted FA needing moth trappers in Berwick area. Hope to fix moth event for next year for BWG.
6	Grants	We have received a surprise donation of £50.00 from Howdens Joinery in Alnwick (again). We are most grateful. Formal letter of thanks to be sent (FA). We failed to get the OPAL grant for the digital projector. We are applying for a Grassroots Grant for same, emphasising Community involvement. ET, MH & LC thanked for help with grant applications. FA investigated possibility of Heritage Lottery Fund grant without success. We still need Longworths (£61.00 each) and could buy one at a time?
7	Letters, e-mails and words	Growing wild scheme at Little Beach – no grant so on hold for the moment. New Road. A member of the public has produced a careful plan of the site, and FA replied to Sue Finch, Clerk to BTC (cc to John Robertson) that BWG would be delighted to give advice. Skills for the future – graduate trainee with AONB. They got their HLF funding – BWG involved.

		The Wildlife Information Centre (E Lothian) will take our Scottish records each year end.
8	Any other business	MH reported piri-piri spreading in quarry at Cocklawburn. LC reported seeing cyclists on town walls and New Road – dangerous.
9	Date/venue of next Cttee Meetings	18 th August, then 15 th September.