

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP  
COMMITTEE MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006  
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M Williams

**Apologies:** None

Item	Subject	Decisions to make	Outcome
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Agreed?	Agreed.
2	<b>Matters arising not below NWT Affiliation</b>	Fiona has written formally to Mike/Christine. No reply so far.	- It was pointed out that the May minutes lacked a list of attendees. My apologies. Attending were, Fiona, Elizabeth, John R, Enid, Leslie, M. .NWT. Is to appoint a Wildlife Officer to liaise with and co-ordinate work of voluntary groups in Northumberland.
3	<b>Events</b>	List for rest of year now circulated. Any problems? Any additions (e.g. Aug, squirrels, Oct, Mar, Apr, AGM?)	. Elizabeth suggested a talk on Red Squirrels, possibly by the Red Squirrel Officer, March 2007. Malcolm and John I to lead survey of migrants on the estuary in Oct. 2006. M raised concern over destruction of wild bee nests by members of the public mistaking them for wasps. Some public awareness activity may be possible by the group next year.
4	<b>Butterflies</b>	Survey going well (thank you Elizabeth). Casual recorders contacted. Butterfly Conservation contacted regarding publicity for 29 <sup>th</sup> July at Cocklawburn.	. Survey going well despite Elizabeth not being in the best of health. Grateful for her continued efforts. 'Butterfly Conservation' has yet to publicise BWG's efforts. Fiona reports sighting of Painted Ladys in Aberdeenshire. Malcolm reports seeing many in

			Scotland. Sightings to be sent to 'Butterfly Conservation'.
5	<b>Bats Verges</b>	Survey going well (thank you Leslie). Next. Any takers? Arrangements – safety?	. From surveys so far it is clear there are 2 separate areas of activity either side of The Avenue, the Governor's Garden being the most active. Palace Green and Kipper Hill need to be surveyed. Further surveys planned for 13, 20 July and 3, 10 Aug. Leslie to contact interested members. . Wooler verges have been cut back further this year so there appear to be fewer orchids. Surveys to continue as planned. Malcolm reports there is a splendid show of Northern Marsh Orchids on the two top fields at Needles Eye. Malcolm and John to contact farmer Dugeon informally re. planned future use of the fields.
6	<b>New subscription take-up</b>	How goes it? Follow up letter needed?	. BWG has 32 memberships, 17 of which are current for 2006.
7	<b>Mag. Fields Golf Course</b>	Progress report – slow but coming along.	.. After more work and research, Fiona is now writing final paragraph.
8	<b>Tweedmouth West End path</b>	Letter to Northumbs Co Council, cc. Berwick Borough Council & Natural England	The BWG letter to NCC, BBC, NE failed to raise a very positive response, but NCC gave assurance of inclusion in further discussions. There appears to be a widespread feeling that the scheme may come to nothing due to major problems getting it realised. John I to keep in touch with Andrew Ayre who will know if anything starts to move.
9	<b>Breathing Spaces</b>	Thanks, but no thanks (report by FA).	As organising volunteers to clear waste land in order to improve it for wildlife and people is not within the remit of BWG, Fiona has suggested R. Weddle contact Keith Wilson re. improving Goody Patchy. This area could be threatened should marina and related development happen and Malcolm stressed the need for BWG to keep

			recording and to remain vigilant re. possible redevelopment.
10	<b>Border Green Festival</b>	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 11-6. Rota of supporters; display material & stand; handouts; newsletter.	. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . July. Malcolm to have next Newsletter out in time for it. Elizabeth and Malcolm to organise posters, handouts, etc., from various organisations. Committee members' photos, survey results etc., also to be available. It is hoped to have access available to the website. BWG stand to be manned as follows. Fiona + John R to set up and man til noon; Enid + M, noon – 2pm., Malcolm + Leslie 2 – 4pm., Fiona + Elizabeth 4pm and take down.
11	<b>AOB</b>		. Little Beach. Important county site for waders John I and Malcolm would like to see info. panel set up. Tom Cadwallender should be able to advise. Malcolm and John to agree on wording. Committee members to view the site after close of July meeting.
12	<b>Date/venue of next Meeting</b>	Change venue or change date? Sorry – Fiona did not book Castle in time.	: TUESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> . July. Castle Hotel.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.