

Selkirk Hill Management Group meeting 3rd September 2025

Present

A Pattullo (chairman), I King, G Kinghorn, N Purves (Selkirk Golf Club), A Murray, C Dempster (Hill Warden), C Armet (note taker)

Apologies

SBC councillor L Douglas, L McLeish & K Blackport (Bright Green Nature), J Rathie, D Playfair (Hon Treasurer), J Thompson

AP welcomed everyone

Warden's report

CD reported that the mower was currently at Border Chainsaw awaiting repair to its electronic ignition. He was using the trimmer meantime & would give the paths their last cut once the mower was returned.

A bench near the St Boswells road had been set on fire. It has now been repaired by CD.

The double gates at Buxton were not opening properly due to being overgrown. This has been resolved.

There has been an exceptional growth of willowherb this year. The well has been cleared.

The transfer to the rifle hut and dismantling of the old garage at the golf club is ongoing.

Treasurer's report

In the absence of DP or JT, AP reported that there was £12554.18 in the account with no expenditure & £10.73 interest.

Golf Club report

NP advised that they were getting specialist contractors in to assist with the greens & encourage growth before winter. They are considering entering into a maintenance programme with them.

The Scottish Golf Union is encouraging full opening over the winter.

Councillor's report

Nothing to report in LD's absence

Bright Green Nature

AP advised that BGN have made a grant application to Rewilding Britain to fund a survey of the fauna & flora on the Hill.

They have ideas for developing more information boards & have applied for funding.

They propose trail cams, feeders & nest boxes for red squirrels. There have been sightings in the Big Wood & it is hoped they might cross over onto the Hill. The Community Engagement Officer would be happy to come & talk about red squirrels.

AP has again walked the Hill with L McN.

IK wondered whether Lindean Loch could be tied in with these surveys?

AOB

GK confirmed there was an initial meeting re the Haggis Hunt after this meeting.

IK confirmed that the works to the bridge at Buxton were scheduled to start on 15th September & last 4 weeks.

IK further reported that the boundary issues with SBC & tree survey were ongoing. The repairs to the dyke at the march with Greenhead were still to be resolved.

AP is going to set up a Facebook page for the Hill.

It was discussed whether the Duke of Edinburgh volunteers at Deer Park could be available to help CD. CD will make a list of possible suitable jobs.

A 12 month bird survey has been suggested, local birdwatchers to be consulted.