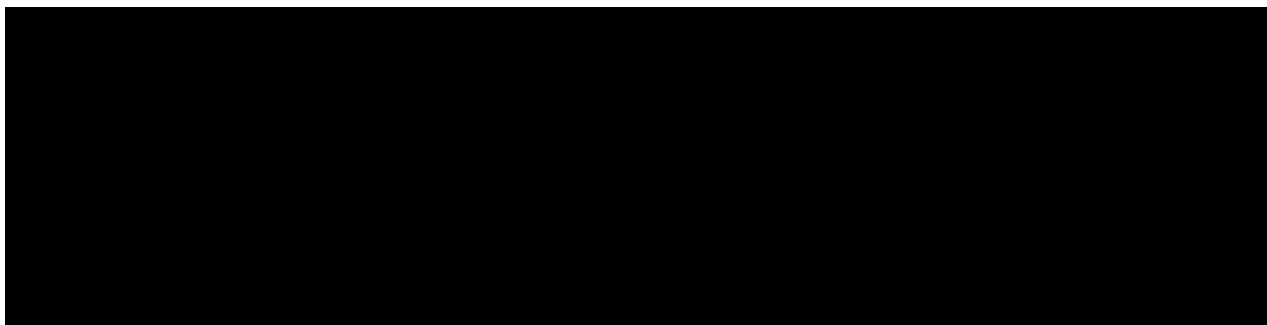




Minutes of CoGG Annual General Meeting
28 November 2024
7.30pm in Errol Village Hall



GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Josh Doble, Community Land Scotland (CLS)

“How communities can buy and make use of community-owned land and how Community Land Scotland can help”

Taking on an asset (eg land) requires a lot of work. Need to think about succession and how to recruit more people to CoGG .

Main discussion points :

CLS covers a wide range of models of land ownership. CoGG is set up to comply with requirements for land ownership . Needs to consider what is needed eg allotments.

Examples of community land buyouts eg in Western Isles.

As a properly constituted group, CoGG can put in a pre-emptive right to buy a defined piece of land for 3 months.

Eg can buy land as “asset transfer” from PKC. Issue of ownership of unclaimed land.

Need to identify areas of land around Errol :

eg who owns area of land behind the school (previously owned by builder before went bust)? It was agreed to get copy of title deeds from Land Register for £15.

Need to involve the community: what they would like eg allotments, permanent surgery? – organise a public meeting in Errol

Should CoGG (Carse of Gowrie Group) be reconstituted as an Errol / Grange Group to reflect the focus of its current activities and location of active members? Other active groups in the Carse are in St Madoes and the Braes of the Carse Group north of the A90.

Would need to call an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) to consult the membership

MINUTES OF AGM 19 JANUARY 2023

Accepted

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT (JL)

<p>32 members including 5 Board members. 14 Associated members, including Councillors</p>	
<p>TREASURER'S REPORT July 2023 – June 2024 Summary: Receipts: c£40,000, Expenditure c£30,000 Current balance: c £6,665 (unrestricted funds) £1,000 earmarked for orchards project Biodiversity fund closed More details to follow</p>	
<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: RG/RH</p> <p>Grange – Errol Path Main project paused due to Sustrans funding being on pause by Scottish Govt. Funding should be available for any project related tasks in this financial year.</p> <p>Other paths Nothing new but existing paths are being maintained – special thanks to Sandy Farmer</p> <p>Orchards Various apple events were held, including a pomology event at Megginch Castle.</p>	
<p>RESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD:</p> <div data-bbox="137 1249 1051 1534" style="background-color: black; height: 127px; width: 573px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <div data-bbox="130 1563 282 1594" style="background-color: black; width: 95px; height: 14px; display: inline-block;"></div> – willing to be co-opted onto the Board for land acquisition issues when necessary	

Minutes of short General Meeting

<p>PATHS Main focus is Errol/Grange path Ardgaith path on hold</p> <p>ORCHARDS Several pruning courses organised. RH facilitated tree planting at schools Next pruning course: Sunday 9 February 2025 in Errol with Andrew Lear</p> <p>ALLOTMENTS Need to identify suitable areas. See discussion notes above re land use</p> <p>BIODIVERSITY Biodiversity Towns & Villages Initiative Drop-in Session: Nature projects in Errol Thursday 5 December, from 3.30pm, Errol Village Hall Organised by Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust & Tayside Biodiversity Partnership</p>	
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Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 January 2025, 7pm
Errol Pub

COGG accounts July 2023 – June 2024

Paths fund	£1,358	
Opening balance	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
	£37,864	
Sustrans		£27,741
Cycle Path Services		£265
Roger (COGG laptop)		£44
Errol Village Hall hire		£173
PKC public liability insurance	£37,864	£28,224
Total	£9,640	
Surplus	£10,998	
Closing balance		

Biodiversity fund	£0	
Opening balance	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
	£1,773	
PKC (CIF funding awarded to Roger and Jane)		£464
Bulbs, wildflower seeds and Cistern Green consumables		£1,309
Autogarden (second hand strimmer)	£1,773	£1,773
Total	£0	
Surplus	£0	
Closing balance		

Orchards fund	£371	
Opening balance	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
	£1,080	
PKC		
- £320 - fruit and nut trees		
- £250 - pruning course		
- £385 - second hand battery (for strimmer)		
- £125 - gravel for Cistern Green paths		£126
Jane Lindsay (gravel)		£126
Totals	£1,080	£126
Surplus	£954	
Closing balance	£1,325	

COGG slush fund	£6,620	
Opening balance	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
	£30	
Apple press	£30	
Totals	£30	£0
Surplus	£30	
Closing balance	£6,650	
Total income	£40,747	
Total expenditure		£30,122