



6.	<p><b>Volunteer Strategy</b>  Postponement of next volunteer day to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> as trees will not be arriving until Monday next; also weather forecast for this weekend is terrible!</p> <p>George Watson's College have been in touch to ask to have a group of 14 year-olds have a day on land; they have visited 3 times previously. Agreed that it would be great to have them contribute to path development and to supplement Darren's day cost.</p>	RC to contact GWC directly
7.	<p><b>Open Day</b>  Consensus that the events last year were good with the summer event in July being better as a function of the weather and more advanced state of the gardens etc. Agreed that we should have one single event with details to be discussed further</p>	
8.	<p><b>Allotment Update</b>  At recent quarterly allotment holders organised by Helen a number of issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of space for all allotment holders in the 'lower' poly-tunnel. HR believes that this is now nearly complete</li> <li>• Provision of storage space within the barn; this is in process of being progressed by Jim P; Helen will check and report if any building materials are required</li> <li>• Fencing and deer protection. We have been advised by Forestry Commission that deer numbers have been reduced but expect not all and therefore there is an understandable concern for potential damage to allotments. The allotment rules signed up to by all, make clear a 50cm limit to the height of fencing around individual allotments to inhibit rabbits etc and therefore a larger and collective deer fence is probably required. Trustees agreed to look at this and formulate a plan and how to finance; assistance from all to construct a fence would be encouraged.</li> <li>• Concerns about dog walkers allowing their pets to run wild over allotments and defecate etc. Agreed that we should look at putting up 'dogs to be kept under control' as well as provision of poop bags and bins etc. Allotment holders should also be encouraged to make this policy clear as and when required.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Fund Raising Ceilidh</b>  This is the first time we have had the chance to talk about this and unanimous agreement and enthusiasm about something that could be a great and fun event for the whole community. While shopping in MBS this week Rob was questioned by John and Andy who run Arran Events and asked about the choice of date in early April - they were concerned</p>	

	<p>that in their experience more time might be required in order to maximise attendance; also revenue could be significantly supplemented by running a bar which had to be applied for &gt;5 weeks in advance. Jill and Jo asked about a potential conflict with Easter school hols; Jill also mentioned she had been at events previously where school children had taken a turn with a few tunes which resulted in a big increase in family support. Given some work has already been done by Kathy and Cheryl we agreed that Jill would accompany Rob to MBS to double check his understanding of the advice given before talking with Kathy and Cheryl further.</p>	RC
	<p><b>AOCB</b>  <b>Horses</b> – New tenant agreements require to be issued which Jill will do when in receipt of horse tenancy form which Rob will provide to JW and JG</p> <p><b>Sheep</b> – we now have a tenant with 7 sheep for Field(s) 11 and/or 17. We agreed the rate of £1/head/week. Rob will organise issuing an agreement.</p>	RC/JW  RC

Next meeting Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 at Benview