



Friends of Dubwath Silver Meadows

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MINUTES OF MEETING

held on

Wednesday 17th March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Terry Peate David Thomason
 Alastair Yates Rick Petecki
 Gordon Pickering Simon Parums
 Joan Ingrams Barbara Petecka

1. Apologies: Elaine Edwards, Mike Bradley.

2. Dawn Chorus 2021

Due to Covid restrictions it was decided to postpone the Dawn Chorus until **Sunday, 23rd May 2021**. By then outdoor meetings of up to 30 people will be allowed. Since dawn will be earlier a 4.00 a.m. start was agreed. David Thomason and David Bruin to record bird numbers on International Dawn Chorus Day itself, 2nd May, in order to provide continuity of record-keeping. Breakfast to be provided at Bassenthwaite Lake Station at a cost of £5 per head. Peter Macqueen has offered to do a moth count, weather permitting, on the morning of the Dawn Chorus to give people the opportunity of inspecting the moths.

ACTION:

Barbara to confirm with other DC leaders re new date and time, then send out invitation to "Friends". Booking in advance is essential, due to Covid restrictions.

Barbara to ask Peter if he will do the moth count on the 23rd.

3. Mink sighting

A mink has been seen on the reserve and Simon reported seeing one on his land also. Traps have been set by Dubwath Bridge and in the undergrowth by the bird-feeders. To be checked twice daily.

4. Internal Gates on the Reserve

As these are no longer necessary (see Item 8, Gates, AGM minutes 10/03/21) the tenant farmer, Keith Atkinson, has offered them to be used as we see fit, rather than discarding them. The farmer will repair the gate to the right of the entrance to ensure integrity of the meadow for sheep.

ACTION: Simon to take a look to see whether he can make use of any of the gates.

5. **Celtic Shelter Rebuild**

Cost of 8 cedar or spruce poles will be £300 delivered, from a Carlisle firm (Laversdale Timber).

ACTION: *Rick to select suitable poles next week and organise a weekday delivery to Bass Lake Station.*

6. **Other Business**

Plant Walks

ACTION:

*Joan to lead plant walks on **Saturday, 22nd and 29th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m.** Maximum 12 people per walk. Refreshments available afterwards at Bass Lake Station at £5 per head.*

***Barbara** to issue invitations and print out sheets prepared by Joan to hand out to attendees.*

Boardwalk

ACTION: *Rick to obtain quote for refurbishment.*

Website

Alastair reported that Barbara Thomson has offered help with this.