



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Notes of Site Visit and Meeting held in the woods on 21st October 2020

Present: Dr Helen Jones (Chair) Cllrs Adrian Legge & Lisa Greasley. Gary Hancox (Town Steward), Julie Hartley (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Mike Stafford who has confirmed his resignation from the group.

1. **Compartment 18: Thinning, Improvement and Bounday Fence:**

The Town Steward explained the work that had been done in this area. The felling work has been finalised by Will Hicks. The views and glimpses of the lake that have been opened up are much clearer with the Autumn leaf fall. There was discussion about the further fence needed and agreement that this will be an acceptable expense from the budget remaining. It was also agreed that 2 benches will be erected to take advantage of the new views and dedicated to ex Cllr Kathleen Atkinson and to Fred Atkinson (the Clerk had spoken to his family recently who are delighted with this suggestion). The benches will be sourced and erected next Spring.

2. **LDNPA Access Project & Summit Improvement:**

There was not much more to update on this project but Cllr Legge confirmed that the group are waiting on hearing about the award of grant from the RDPE in November and this will determine future timescales. The award of the contract for the design and benches for the summit is still to be decided.

3. **Young Trees planting:**

The density of planting in the arc inside the bend of the carriageway was deliberately too great to allow for some saplings not to take, but it would appear that most of the trees have taken and it may now be a good idea to dig some out and plant elsewhere to enable them to flourish. The Clerk will write to the LDNPA and ask about this.

4. **Pond Drainage:**

Gary plans to start next week to lay a pipe via a trench (backfilled) through the bank at the western end. The pipe will be fitted into a breeze block chamber with another pipe at right angles to drain away the water. There was some discussion about an open soak away but no conclusion reached. Gary plans to have the work completed by the end of November but certainly by the time of the next site visit.

5. **Japanese Knotweed:**

Gary is treating some of the remaining small patches on the bend with Brushwood systemic herbicide and oil and petrol spray. This will weaken the growth.

6. Damage to Pipe:

This is opposite Steve Unsworth's property fence. Gary will replace this sometime over the winter. The pipe will lead into a soak away on the flat area which is now fenced off.

Next Meetings will take place in 2021 and will be announced when the Clerk has put together the Council diary for the forthcoming year.