

Present : Peter, Anne, Duncan, Marcia, Trish, Jimmie, Lesley, Julie

Apologies: Julie S., Martin, Penny H.

Minutes

Updates	Link persons	Notes and Agreed Action	Action by..
Local Larder	Julie S.	<p>New listings Eilean Dubh Smokehouse and Cafe Biagiotti both contacted to ask if they would like to be listed but neither have replied. Will try to speak to them in person. Papa Bear Honey, a new small business in Invergordon, have asked to be listed. Although not Black Isle based, they had a stall at their first Community Market in Culbokie on 19 October. More info about them at https://www.facebook.com/papabearhoney/.</p> <p>Promotion Will have a try at producing an A5 leaflet using Canva. As discussed at last meeting, more business cards would be useful as we still have plenty of holders. Publish more recipes, with a recipe for each supplier/business.</p> <p>Meeting acknowledged Julie S need of LL business cards. Anne may have a supply – Julie S to check with her. Julie G to check who made original order...Wendy ?</p>	Julie S Julie G
Apple Press	Duncan et al	<p>Markets - juice produced so far: NK Sept 14.5 ltrs; Crom 15.5; Culb 3 ltrs (+ 11 ltrs Martin) Minimal usage this year. Instructions for use of apple press been revised (incl payment for hire by BACS) and will go on website. Duncan to send to Peter. After Fortrose market, apple press to go into storage – prior to this Duncan will give final check and buy anything needed (claim from Julian, TBI treasurer). Will also add extra layer of base to Press foundation, to give better height for jug to sit easily under pourer. Now that a more streamlined booking and hiring system is established Duncan happy to continue as apple press contact and trailer storer.</p>	Duncan
Pasteuriser	Martin	Has been booked out twice, by Miles Mack and Peter & Fran Tilbrook. Peter and Fran didn't actually use it in the end – they thought their bottles wouldn't fit, but I think they would have been OK if they'd persevered.	
Grow North - update Growing Guide - additional copies	Julie G, Lesley, Marcia	See stats below. Numbers approx. same as previous years. Usual core group established itself, interest in such workshops still there. Ideas already being provided for a programme next year. Question of overarching direction in light of increasing awareness of climate change, food security issues ? How to encourage 'poorer' families to grow their own ? Possibly best at very local level. The work of more local groups. Possibly	

		something to pick up after Food Conference ? In meantime bring into GN more explicit themes – Reducing carbon footprint/ Local, Seasonal, Organic and more Veg (based on early BI Food Challenge themes)	
Pocket Orchards		Anne reported 2 sites in N Kessock area, Community Council planted some trees at Torgorm. Lesley will raise with Findon Hall (has done so and they're keen) and Trish to check at Rosemarkie.	Anne, Lesley, Trish
Ethical Food Conference	Martin	Martin still working with Emma on this. Both are going to the Nourish conference in Edinburgh in November, which covers a lot of the same ground. Emma has made contact with Nourish, and they may be interested in co-hosting a Highland event. Martin has also spoken to Mike Robinson, CEO of the RSGS and chair of a group involving Nourish and NFUS, called Farming for 1.5 degrees. There is some overlap there, so a useful contact. He has also spoken to Deborah Long, CEO of Scottish Environment Link, who are working with NFUS on a separate report to inform the post-Brexit agricultural grants, and have been offered a chat with the WWF Scotland people working on land use and agriculture – so a reasonable amount of groundwork, but haven't concluded on a structure.	
Updates on connections made : Mairi MacPherson 'highland seedlings' Community Growing Network event Food Poverty and Waste Seminar	Anne Julie / Penny Penny	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Anne has spoken to contact and given advice on sources of funding. Interesting website. Maybe possibilities for the future re GN but in meantime somewhere to point local people (Tain area) to for growing advice. 2) Useful network meeting held at Abriachan Ed Centre, organized by HEN and Eden Project Outreach, of many of the local organisations involved in growing - quite a lot of overlap in what we do, but reaching different audiences. Julie has list of contacts from the meeting. 3) Penny attended. 	
Planning			
GQT	Julie/ Lesley/ Jimmie/Penny	<p>Decided to give Gardeners Question Time a break for a year, but good to have something on in January at low point of year. Also Seed Swap popular at this time too. So decided on Gardeners Quiz Time, with seed swap in attendance. See outline below.</p> <p>Date Fri 17 Jan, venue Tore Vill Hall</p> <p>All group find gardening questions for the quiz and send to Jimmie/Penny eg 'what is this ?' with item, funny questions and some more serious. Name that gardener. http://www.freepubquiz.co.uk/gardening-quiz-questions.html useful link provided by Anne</p> <p>TBI stand Teas and coffees</p>	<p>Lesley book hall/ advertising Julie G book Compere / design poster</p> <p>All</p> <p>Anne Julie S ?</p>

Seed Swap	Lesley	Agreed more envelopes to be bought. Agreed a small stand like Ullapool a good resource and can be used for other TBI events (eg DP stall) as well as Seed Swap. Lesley to investigate local providers.(Has researched those further afield) Agreed cost around £70-£100. Julie to confirm with Admin Team. Probably won't have as much seed as last year but felt still worth having a seed sorting session prior to GQT evening – Sun 12 Jan, venue to be confirmed. Lesley to check with Martin.	Lesley
Potato Day Sat 7 March		Meeting of those who want to be in Planning group on Tues 3 Dec, time/venue TBC	
Date of next F+G meeting		Tuesday 28 January, 7.30, venue TBC	

Grow North 2019 stats

Month + topic	March – Organic tattie growing	April - Wormeries	May - Propagation	June – Wax cloths	August – Pond making	October - fermentation	November – large willow structures	Total
Attendance	7	5	10	10	8	8	11	59
Donations	£20	£39	£25	£50	£36.60	£60		
Cost	£50	£50	£50	£50 + hall cost	£100	£50 +hall cost	£50 + hall cost	

Outline for Gardeners Quiz Time – possible draft

Doors open 7pm for half an hour at the usual Seed Swap and finding seats at tables. Quiz 7.30-8.30 max. Then tea and chat/more seedswap.

Tables and chairs set out in fours, folk take seats and before we start we'll move folk (with their permission) so we start with full tables of 4 (if possible). One of aims to encourage chat with people one doesn't necessarily know. Organising Team would do the moving. All light hearted.

Aim of whole evening - relatively light hearted and humorous, mid winter social evening, growing related focus as prep for year ahead.

One of Organising Team : Intro of evening, idea of GQT and how it's going to run. Introduces compère

Compère role takes over :

Two/ three/ four (??) have to work on timings) groups/sections of gardening related questions, possibly topic based.... some serious but relatively simple, some funny and one or two 'what do you think this is' with item shown.

Table members to confer to create answers.

Compère *to manage the completion of each section of questionsintro each set of questions, set tables off with time allocation and then manage going through the answers of a section, then move on to next section.*

Going through the answers : compère has 'correct' answer (in so far as with gardening topics there are correct answers !) ...but idea is partly to encourage brief sharing of folks knowledge in the answering process. Compère can award points beyond 'correct' answer...so there's flexibility there.

Table with most points at end 'wins'...we'll have some suitably garden related prizes - for everyone !