
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Helensburgh & Lomond
Area Community Planning Group**

9th December 2014

Agenda Item [*for office use*]



Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee Update

1. Purpose

The purpose of this update is to provide Area Community Planning Group members with bullet point highlights of matters discussed at the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee meeting held on the 18th of November 2014

2. Key Points

- The Committee gave consideration to a proposal to create an attraction in Duchess Wood which would be similar to the existing Enchanted Forest attraction in Pitlochry and agreed to support the 'Fairy Tale Woods' project in principle with further information on the initiative being considered at future meetings
- The Committee received an update from the Education sub group and acknowledged the impact of transportation costs for local primary schools on their already straitened budgets. The Chair emphasised the need to promote Duchess Wood and to encourage local schools to use the Woods. It was agreed to approach local schools via the Head Teachers Cluster meeting with a view to determine how best to promote Duchess Wood
- The committee agreed to support in principle the Lomond School proposal for a Forest School site in Duchess Wood, subject to confirmation from Argyll and Bute Legal Department and Luss Estates.
- The Green Gym programme is expected to run again, from December until March. The Committee were keen to see referrals to this programme from all appropriate medical professionals.

3. Further Information

The minutes for the meeting can be found via the following link

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=457&MId=6361&Ver=4>

The date of the next meeting is 17 February 2015

4.0 SOA Outcomes

Outcome 1- The economy is diverse and thriving

Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all

Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start

Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives

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