

INNS Sub-group meeting

SEPA Dingwall

9th March 2015

1. Welcome

Nicola Tallach SNH, Babs Macritchie NTS, Rob Dewar NTS, Julie Bhatti SEPA and Judi MacDonald SEPA..

2. Apologies

Ullie Wentzel TCV, Keira McLuskey Network Rail, David O'Brien SNH, John Parrott IMF INNPP and Lynn Bryden CDFBT, Simon McKelvey CDFBT.

3. Approval of minutes, matters arising

AP5 (3/6/14)JP and SMcK. Ongoing.

AP1 (27/10/14) JW to contact Stan W about rapid response protocols. Ongoing, waiting for Scottish priority list to be produced..

AP2 (27/10/14) Joint NE and Highland Forum to be organised. Ongoing. TBC by the May meeting.

No notes from last meeting. JW apologised.

4. Standing Item Questions/ Comments

4.1. Mink. No breeding mink in the north but mink an issue in W Ross and further south. AP2. JW to ask about continuing RAFTS funding of this. AP3. LB to provide an update on the Mink Project.

4.2. HRP. Waiting to hear about funding, meeting of the partners in a few weeks to discuss a way forward.

4.3. Cromarty Catchment. No Report.

4.4. Lochaber INNS Project. LFT has funding for some treatment using criminal justice work parties. JW met with Loch Nevis Estate to discuss JK control in Mallaig. Highland Council and the estate will fund survey and control in and around Mallaig.

4.5. IMF INNPP. Ongoing.

4.6. GB INNS Update. None.

4.7. Nairn. Spring Newsletter 2015 formed the report.

4.8. Giant Hogweed. Ongoing. SNH funding finished, not sure if there will be another grant round. If not THC will keep the project going. River Wick project has secured funding for control of GH there.

4.9. Network Rail. **AP1**. NTS keen to talk to KMCL about Rhoddy work around Plockton.

4.10. RBMP. All quiet at the moment due to consultations etc. RBMP2 on the SEPA webpages. Judith Cox in Aberdeenshire has 8K to scope the INNS situation in Aberdeenshire, A City and Moray.

4.11. TCV. No report.

4.12. Bear Scotland. No Report.

5. Cotula

JP is worried about this and would like some action to take place on this even if only a trial to see if it can be controlled. **AP2**. JW to liaise with JP and DD (WR Plant recorder).

6. HIS Forum 2015

It was agreed that a joint forum in Moray would be a good idea to share experiences and do something a little different. **AP3**. JW to investigate.

7. AOCB.

NT Found a clump of Salmonberry above Rosemarkie just outside a SSSI. **AP4**. NT to contact JP to see if they would be willing to treat it.

8. DONM

Tuesday June 16th. 2pm SNH, Dingwall.