

Agenda

Highland Invasive Species Forum.

10am. Tuesday 10th February 2009.

Council Chambers, Highland Council HQ.

Tea and Coffee from 10-10.20am

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Approval of IS Forum minutes June 2008.
4. Updates (5mins each)
 - Mink. Rob Raynor SNH.
 - Riparian Invasive Species. Simon McKelvey. CDSFB
 - Rhododendron Database. Richard Thompson FCS.
5. Update from the sub-group.
6. Presentation on Leaflets. Paper 1.
7. How the Invasive Species in Highland were identified and prioritised. Paper 2.
8. Presentation on Project Summaries. Paper 3.
 - Rhododendron. Presentation from Liz Poulson FCS Argyll.
 - Japanese Knotweed.
 - Giant Hogweed.
 - Himalayan Balsam.
9. Discussion
10. AOCB
11. DONM.

Action Points from 19/6/08:

- AP1** All participants to look at the invitee list and send Janet any additions.
- AP2** Janet Bromham to canvass available dates in August for the first Sub Group meeting.
- AP3** Jenny McCallum to investigate Invasive Weed Training for SRDP Case Officers, to spread good practice.
- AP4** Ian Collier to investigate and circulate a summary of what can be funded under the SRDP once the situation becomes clearer.
- AP5** Janet Bromham to investigate the possibility of RPS coming up to Highland and running a full identification course.
- AP6** Kerry Riddell to explore BTCV apprenticeship on invasive species.

The aims of the Highland Invasive Species Group were agreed as follows:

- To bring together the key players and take stock of the situation regarding invasive non-native species in Highland;
- To raise awareness and spread good practice;
- To identify any major gaps and prioritise key areas for future work; and
- To work together to secure new resources and funding.