

Agenda

Highland Invasive Species Forum.

10am. Wednesday 29th September 2010.

Marybank Village Hall.

Tea and Coffee from 10-10.30am

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of IS Forum minutes from 10th February 2009
4. Talks – 10minutes each (10.30 to 12.30)
 - BTCV Apprentice – Simon McKelvey
 - Rhoddy Officer – Julie Paton
 - Lever and Mulch Progress – Donald Kennedy
 - North Highland Mink Officer Report – Lois Canham
 - RAFTS proposal – Chris Horrill
 - INNS Policy/ sub-group update – Jonathan Willet
 - Giant Hogweed Control – Jonathan Willet
 - Salmonberry control update – Dieter Tuerlinckx

5. Discussion

Lunch (12.30 – 13.30)

6. Field visits (13.30 – 16.00). These will be to various sites on the Conon catchment where Invasive Species management projects have taken place.
7. Summing up the day followed by tea, coffee and cake (16.00 – 16.30)

Action Points from 10/2/09:

AP1. JW suggested that as the issue of EPS and invasive plant species control methods had arisen a few times this could be looked at by the sub-group to collate and or develop guidelines for best practice to ensure that the EPS legislation is not breached.

AP2. LP to circulate information on the stem injection technique that has been used in Argyll.

AP3. IC to circulate information on how to respond to the SRDP reviews currently underway.

AP4. HISF sub-group will continue and seek to deliver the projects that it has proposed.

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.