



BWW Technical Group Meeting - October 21st - Broneirion

Minutes and Actions

Present:

Patrick Green – Chair, FCW Assistant Operations Manager
Rachel Chamberlain - FCW Operations Manager
Martyn Potton - FCW Technical Manager
Julian Miller – Management Planner
Rob Marsh – Management Planner
Ian Barrington – Management Planner
Iwan Parry – Management Planner

Apologies – Andrew Wright, FCW Documentation analyst.

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- 1 **Mins of last meeting** – PG
 - 2 **Issues Log** - the issues log was updated to remove any issues that were either not relevant any longer or had been completed.
 - 3 **BWW update** – Martyn Potton updated the group on the cases currently in the system. As of Oct 09, there were 910 registered BWW cases covering a total area of 39990 ha. The average area of a BWW case is 43.8 ha.
 - 4 **BWW Technical Group membership** – Rob Marsh has sat on the group for several years and is now looking to stand down.
Action: Julian Miller to write a note to go in the next BWW newsletter calling for expressions of interest from planners to sit on the Technical Group.



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- 5 **Management planner list** – due to internal FCW protocols, the current planner list is held, on the Internet, as a PDF. This makes updating and searching the list difficult.
Action: FCW to investigate the possibility of holding the list as a web page. (AE/AW)
- 6 **IACS / FM3s** – Rachel Chamberlain updated the group on the issues and background surrounding X-checks & land registration. The group felt that the industry needed clearer guidance from FCW as it was clear that WAG were not used to dealing with forestry related applications.
Action: RC to write an interim note to planners & owners clarifying the FC's position & the way forward on land registration. RC to also organise a meeting with WAG (to include JM as planner rep) to discuss issues.
- 7 **Statutory Consultation** – The group discussed the problems some planners have had with consultation, particularly slow response times. FCW are currently talking to CCW on consultation & resolved to try to improve the situation. There was also a need to have info on historic gardens.
Action: RC to agree with CCW a) when & if CCW need to respond in SSSI buffer areas (500m) b) whether the current buffer area is suitable & c) agree a process for SSSI's where CCW don't respond within 28 days.
Action: MP to add Historic Gardens layer to the IMF browser.
- 8 **WIG calculator revision** – The group discussed procedures for the revision of the calculator & composition of the review group. The group also discussed how to involve the wider planner community. The review group will sit in Dec 08/ Jan 09.

The new calculator will be ready for early April 09. The revision group will be: RC (Chair), Joe Fielding (planner), Hugh Wheeldon (planner), Iwan Parry (planner) R Rob Marsh (planner) Andy Best (Woodland Officer) Andy Wills (Woodland Officer).

First meeting – agree justification for changes & who does what & methods for collecting evidence for cost changes. Second meeting – Agree costs.

Action: AW/ Adele Jordan to check FCW audit requirements for the WIG CC
Action: RM to write a note to planners for the BWW newsletter (contact Alison Evans) regarding feeding comments back to the WIG CC group.
- 9 **Printed contracts** – problems with printed contracts were discussed.
Action: AW to look at Default payee screens to try to solve the problem
- 10 **Glos programme** – MP gave an update on recent Glos releases.

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11 **AOB** - Planner top up fees were discussed and several planners asked when these would be reviewed.

Action: RC to agree the way forward re top up fee/ rates

12 Date of next meeting – 3rd Feb 2009