

**MINUTES ROSS & CROMARTY EAST BIODIVERSITY GROUP
19 JUNE 2006, SNH OFFICE DINGWALL. 14.00-16.30**

AGENDA ITEM	COMMENTS	ACTION POINTS
Welcome/thanks	Present: Jennie Abell (HC), Martin Hind (HC), Murdo Macdonald, Gillian McKnight (SAC), Tim Sweeney (SEPA), Kenna Chisholm (RSPB), John Miller, Sue Scoggins (SNH) (minutes). All present briefly introduced themselves to the group	
1. Apologies	Simon McKelvie (CDSFB), Fran Lockhart, Sean Meikle, Aileen Mackay, Andrew	
2. Roles	Secretary: Jennie Abell until return of Janet Bromham. Minutes: Sue Scoggins Chairperson: Martin Hind (rotating chair) Administrator: To be decided	
3. Minutes from last meeting	The following amendments were made to the minutes of the meeting 10 April 2006: Fran Lockhart wanted clarification that the FWAG project was Cornfield Annuals and not specifically cornflowers. Murdo Macdonald requested clarification that he was not advocating reintroduction of species. Minutes were then agreed.	
4. Update on action points last meeting	Action points from last meeting JA1 Financing the admin post has been flagged up and will be part of the review process. Depends on HLF funding with decisions expected early in New Year 2007. JA2 A draft job plan has been produced decision on when to send this out for comment when/if there is funding available. JA3 Confirmation required as to whether there is space in the jobs plans of either Tanya Ogilvy or Tim Sweeney for co-ordination role. JA4 to investigate mechanisms for feeding into the Highland Biodiversity Action Plan. JA5 £5Ky ⁻¹ for local projects in each local group for next three years. Additional funding for Pan Highland projects plus possibility of	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Discharged

	<p>HLF funding. Diana Gilbert HBAP to identify Pan Highland Projects.</p> <p>MM1 spreadsheet identifying local projects produced and circulated.</p> <p>JA6 Highland LBAP implementation projects disseminated to group after 10 April 2006 meeting.</p> <p>MH1 Six potential community groups have been identified although contact has yet to be made.</p> <p>GMcK Decisions on funding are still to be taken. No decision yet on cornflower seed collection and soil sampling of sites.</p>	<p>Discharged</p> <p>Discharged</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
5. Ross & Cromarty East projects	<p>A lengthy discussion ensued about all aspects of the proposals put forward by Steve Corcoran. JA to add revisions to R&C(E) projects as a separate document and send to SC by end of June 2006.</p> <p>MM restated and there was general agreement that the group should support small projects. It was suggested that the FWAG/SAC cornfield project should be considered within a Pan Highland context. Suggestions for a small project to potentially replace the cornfield project was sought from the group. Suggestions for alternative to be passed through JA to SC – dead line end of June</p>	<p>JA1 contact SC with revisions to projects by end June 2006</p> <p>JA2 suggestions for alternative small projects to be passed to SC</p>
6. Data base	Produced and circulated, although consensus was that it needs to be more widely disseminated.	JA3 disseminate database of projects to wider group
7. Group's role for the future	Agreed that this is an agenda item for the next meeting.	
8. Admin support	Job description to be emailed	JA4 job description to be emailed
9.AOCB	There was no other business and the meeting closed at 16:45	
10. Date next meeting	Averon Centre, Alness 26 September 2006 19:30 MH to organise	MH1 organise venue for meeting.

