

7.3.4	PM asked those present whether the DWA needed a system for DW users to report problems with the path infrastructure. The subject was discussed. PM is to make up laminated panels advising DW users to report path problems via email to feedback@davaway.org.uk ; panels to be attached to DW information boards. PB is to see if there is anything on the DW website advising DW users how to report path problems.	PB PM
7.3.5	PM reported that he has amassed quite a collection of redundant gates and fittings in his garden. One of his neighbours has asked if he could have one of the gates in exchange for a donation to the DWA. Possible future requirements for the gates and fittings were discussed. PM is to assign a value to the redundant gates and fittings, then dispose of them appropriately.	PM
8	<u>Maintenance Program</u>	
8.1	PM reported that the estate has carried out extensive undergrowth clearance in the area of the Heatherbells Cutting. The recent Saturday working party completed some further tidying in this area.	
8.2	PM proposed the following as the next priorities for maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergrowth removal between the Half Way Hut and the cutting where the drainage channel was cleared. • Undergrowth removal in the area around AJs Bridge. • Grass cutting, particularly at the Lynmore Bypass. PMs proposals agreed unanimously.	PM
9	<u>Health and Safety</u>	
9.1	a) <u>Strimmer and Rough-Cutter Training</u> PM reported that the training for the power tools is still postponed as there is currently insufficient undergrowth in the area around Treewise in Kellas on which to use the tools.	PM
9.2	b) <u>Risk Assessment Next Steps</u> Risk assessments still pending for the rough cutter and hand-held strimmer; committee sub-group meeting arranged for 27 Apr 2015.	PB, PM & RR
9.3	c) <u>First Aid Kit Requirements</u> MC is to compile a list of items to be included in the emergency backpacks and ascertain their cost. PM reported that MC is also sourcing suitable containers for storage of supplementary items.	MC
10	<u>Events</u>	
10.1	Ghost Train 2015	
10.1.1	Concern was expressed over the current lack of bookings for the Ghost Train Walk, in comparison to previous years at this point. The late distribution of promotional materials and availability of the online booking system were viewed as the main cause. NT is to submit an article to the local papers to raise awareness of the event; PM is to supply a suitable photograph for the article.	NT & PM
10.1.2	RR reported that the senior scouts are interested in volunteering to help with the Ghost Train Walk as part of their community award. The scouts have been advised to approach MC.	MC
10.2	Moray Walking Festival	
10.2.1	PM reported that he has booked the buses for the Moray Way Five Day Challenge and the Moray Way organisers will cover the cost.	
10.2.2	RR reported that preparations for his events are in hand. There was some further discussion about how best to approach the festival organisers when arranging venues, transportation, etc.	

10.2.3	PM reported that he is waiting for the Walking Festival Booking System to be up and running before he ramps up promotion of DW related events via Facebook, etc.	
11	<u>Arrangements for Next Work Party and Cycle Survey</u> PM reported that the next working party will be held on Saturday 9 th May 2015 with the annual cycle survey of the DW taking place on Thursday 14 th May 2015. PM will be distributing details of these events and requesting volunteers in due course.	PM
12 12.1	<u>AOCB</u> RR reported that that the footfall counter at Dallas Dhu is performing well. He noted that between 15 th Mar 2015 and 21 st Apr 2015 there have been no fewer than 2596 walkers and 341 cyclists on that section of the DW.	
13	Date of the Next Meeting: 19:30 19 th May 2015 at The Hub.	

Meeting Closed: 21:15