

Catterline Braes Action Group AGM



**Tuesday 20th March 2018
The Creel Inn, Catterline**

Agenda

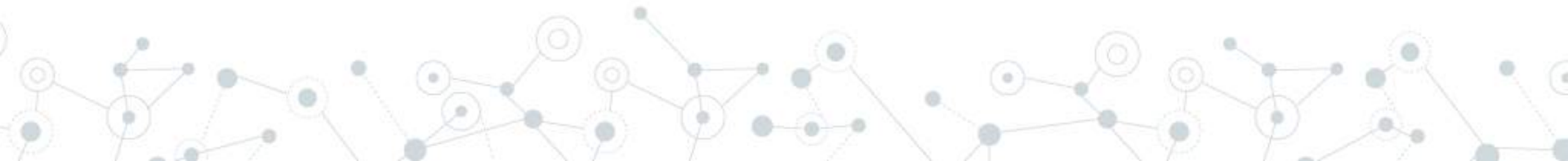
- ◎ Welcome
- ◎ CBAG Objectives
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- ◎ Work planned for the next 12 months
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CBAG Objectives

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- Gain a better understanding into the mechanics of both coastal erosion & land slippage
- Explore mitigation measures to prevent or minimise the effects of both coastal erosion & land slippage:
 - Improved drainage
 - Stabilisation planting programme
 - Physical reinforcement/stabilisation
- Explore joint community project involvement with educational or industry expert resources
- Information & resource sharing with other local communities experiencing similar challenges
- Evaluate cost and/or local labour requirements to support work requirements
- Explore potential funding sources for community based environmental work
- Carry out & complete remedial community work
- Monitor future movement



Work Caried Out Over The Last 12 Months

◎ General maintenance

- Checked/cleared existing drainage ditches (spring 2017); most found flowing well, minor corrective work, flexible pipe has significantly reduced required maintenance
- Many of the saplings not looking too good however...

◎ North End Platipus Installation

- Completed scoping exercise
- Funding for consumables applied for and awarded (with thanks to the Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund)
- Funding application for installation of anchors being prepared (St. John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund)

◎ Sea defences

- Engagement with Aberdeenshire Council
- Scope of Work for feasibility study being prepared by CBAG
- Indications are that feasibility study could be (part-)funded by Aberdeenshire Council



Burnside Landslip Remediation (Aberdeenshire Council)



Path Improvement Works (fully funded by Paths for All)



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Trelong Platipus Stabilisation Works – Status Update



Work Planned For The Next 12 Months

- ◎ General maintenance (spring and autumn 2018)
 - Check/clear existing drainage ditches
 - General inspection of the braes

- ◎ Sea defences
 - Complete feasibility study Scope of Work document and submit to Aberdeenshire Council with request to award the study to one of their preferred engineering houses
 - It should provide an indication of potential feasible options, taking into account the physical access and funding constraints

North End Platipus Installation (May/June)



- Essentially a repeat of Trelong Platipus trial, but without requirement for Plati-Drains and re-profiling with additional top soil / sand bags
- However, it is still a tough piece of work, requiring strong and able individuals...

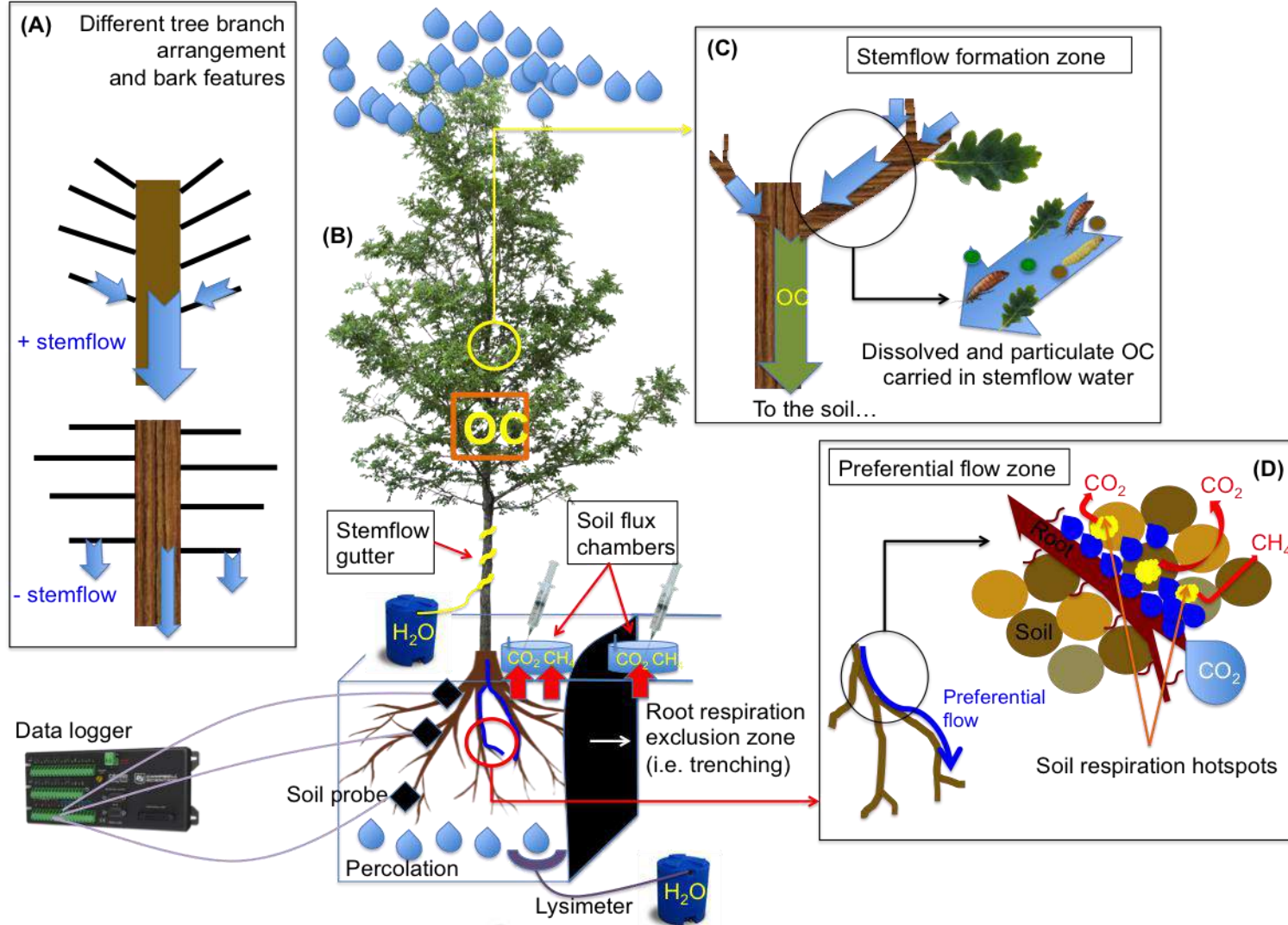
We are therefore pursuing an option to outsource the installation of the anchors by a qualified contractor, subject to pricing and availability of funding from St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund



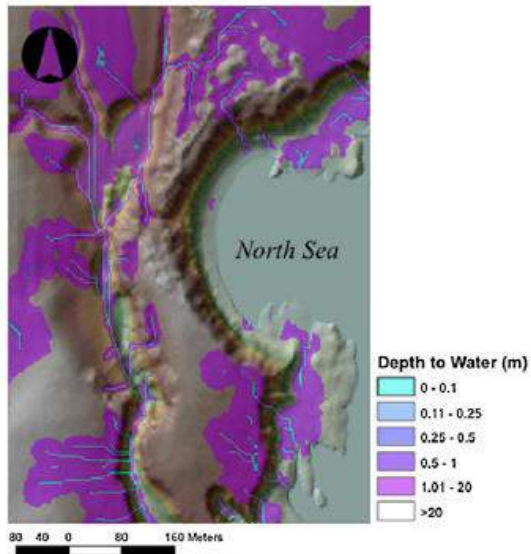
Path Maintenance (April/May)



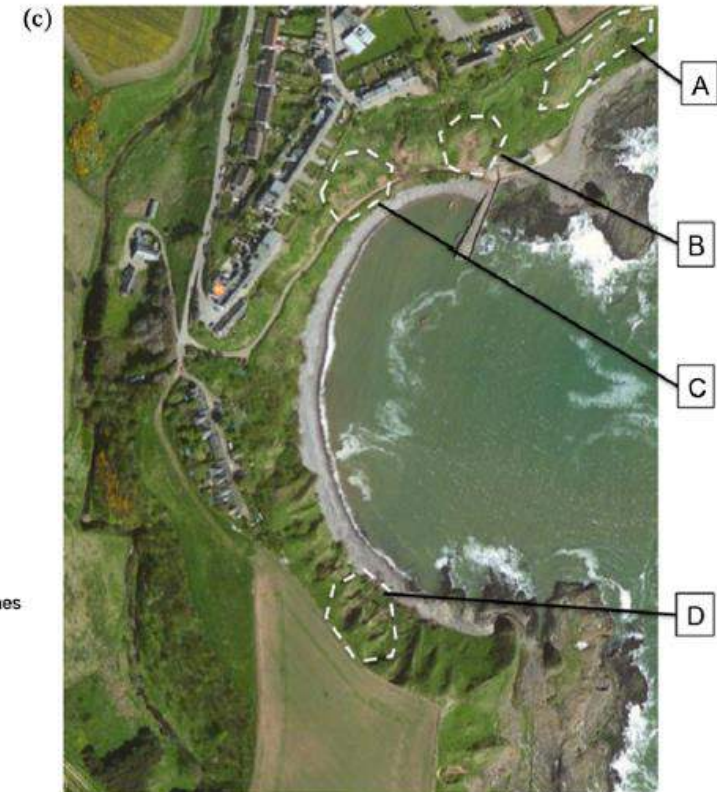
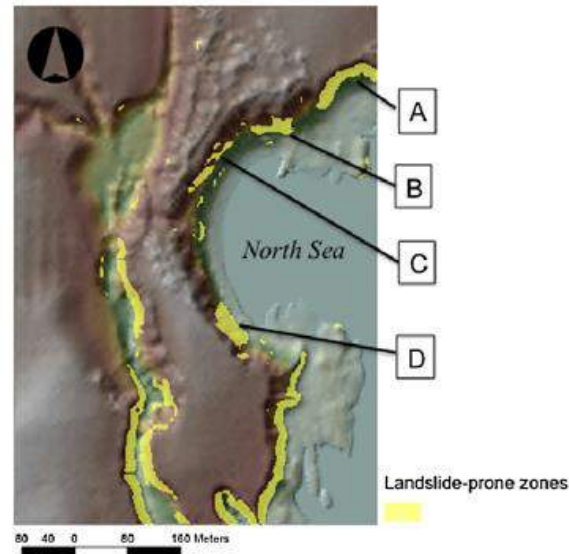
- Existing posts and panels corroded, causing path to become unstable
- We have new scaffolding poles (kindly donated by Westgrove Construction)
- Suitable panels to be sourced
- Should be a relatively quick repair, but needs to be completed before rose hip bushes start growing



(a) Water accumulation zones



(b) Landslide-prone zones



Ideas & Suggestions for Future Work

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◎ General maintenance will remain important!

- Check/clear existing drainage ditches
- Look for wet areas and dig new ditches where required
- Install more flexible pipe where possible
- Check/help saplings and add other vegetation (GCU)
- Pruning

◎ Damage caused by rabbits



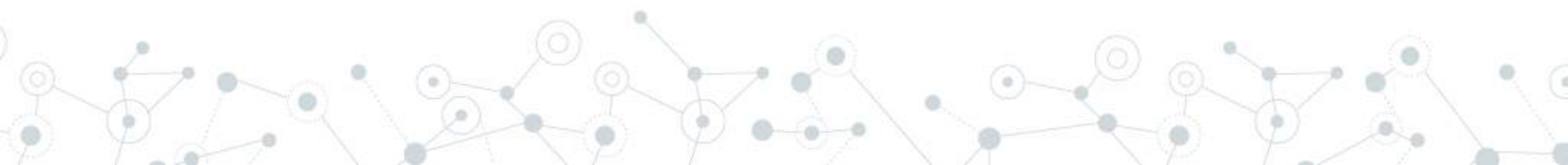
◎ Sea defences

◎ Any other ideas / suggestions?

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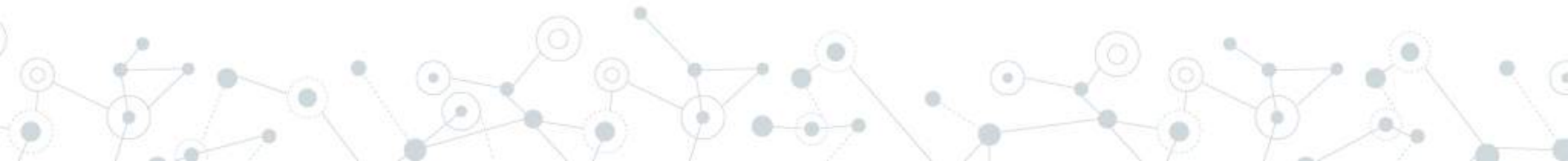
		Income	Expenditure	Balance
14.03.2017	Carried Forward			£ 537.05
June	Gala Stall	£ 136.60		
August	Dava Way Walk Donations	£ 540.00		
	Paths for All	£ 806.00		
September	Zurich Insurance		£ 121.41	
	Wind Farm Fund	£ 3,688.40		
	Donation	£ 15.00		
	Path matting and pegs		£ 558.54	
	Turf		£ 495.36	
	Sand		£ 54.00	
January	D Argo Soil		£ 50.00	
	Paths for All	£ 269.00		
	TOTALS	£ 5,455.00	£ 1,279.31	£ 4,175.69
14.03.2018	Bank Statement Balance			£ 4,712.74



Fundraising

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- ◎ Wind farm community funding
- ◎ How to fund bigger projects, i.e. improve sea defences?
- ◎ Any other thoughts / suggestions?



Committee Members

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- ◎ Chairman: Pieter voor de Poorte
- ◎ Treasurer: Frances Crabb
- ◎ Secretary: Debbie Murray

Anybody willing to take over any of these roles or perhaps assist in the running of the CBAG trust? This could include organising (fundraising) events, scoping up and managing discrete bits of work, etc.



Any Other Business?

With Thanks To:

- ◎ All volunteers!
- ◎ Glasgow Caledonian University
- ◎ University of Aberdeen
- ◎ Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund
- ◎ Aberdeenshire Council
- ◎ Platipus Anchors
- ◎ The Creel Inn