

## **Minutes for KCFC Board meeting held on 15<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

**Present** – David Blair, Rob Borruso, Steve Williamson, Nikki Brown, Andrew Graham-Weall, Colin Willment, Fraser Brown, Fiona Hamilton

**Apologies** – Willie McAllan, Fraser Brown

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

proposed DB, seconded SW

### **Forest Operations (Colin Willment)**

- Rhododendron finished. Now need to push FCS for payment. CW congratulated for good job monitoring work
- Timber extraction. Dates have changed. Plan to get almost all gone this week, by lifting tonnage limit on road
- Deer Management. CW will put word out to local stalkers. New lease starts October 15<sup>th</sup>. Alastair Mackay needs to supply information from previous contract.
- Sawmill orders picking up. No logo stamper available yet. Loch Fyne Ales will allow branding after installation. Andrew will investigate getting a brand cut.
- Ian McGhee is keen to limit digger course to three people over three days. Cost includes two nights accommodation. Colin, Rob and Steve will take the places. Telehandler course could be done later as a one day course for Andy.
- National Trust contacted KCFC re view points on New Road, with view to offering KCF a contract for maintenance. Ronnie Irving had made the suggestion to the NT. It was agreed to negotiate further and invite Chris Cassells out for a visit.
- Knotweed. Dennis Rymen has approached KCF about spraying knotweed in his garden. CW will spray and also look at knotweed in school orchard.

### **Development Manager's report (Nikki Brown)**

- Upper Acharossan. Proposal sent to HIE for funding, which will be looked at this week. Thanks to Michaela for taking this on in Nikki's absence. Scottish Land Fund deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Feasibility study (only to cover the new area) and business plan (5 years and for whole area) need to be completed to allow application to be submitted. NB will sound out how high a percentage can be asked for to enable maximum funding to be sought. Brief will be sent out to consultants (including Jamie Chaplin-Bryce) in advance of funding being secured. Scoring framework needs drawn up for the submissions and a contract to be signed by the successful bidder. FCS has been asked for the current plan for the area.
- Meeting with TillHill 26<sup>th</sup> September. They've asked FCS for more data and then will send proposal. RB and NB will meet with them. Andy Powell (Egger) has expressed very keen interest.
- Community Consultation. Formal ballot not required. Funding has been applied for to pay for DGS pupils to act as animateurs. Pupils previously involved will be approached to see if they're willing to take it on during October holidays. If independent facilitator is required, Don McInnes will be approached.
- Hydro. SW thanked for looking over the contract. It will be signed once their lawyers have approved it. Health & Safety documents will be looked at by FB. Technical diligence has flagged up that all conditions with SEPA haven't been met. DB seeking clarity from SEPA which drawings are needed. Construction can start in meantime.

- Crowd funding project. NB will forward strategy for crowd funding project to see what level of school involvement is possible.
- KCF has won another award. This is under embargo and will be minuted in October. The prize money will go towards digger training.
- KCF got good coverage in Guardian. Has been shared through Facebook & website. As a result KCF has been entered into another competition that will be voted on by my readership.
- Volunteer case study wasn't followed up due to pressure of time.
- Woodworking event. HIE and CWA very enthusiastic. Eoin Cox has been suggested by Diane Oliver.
- Comic Relief funding submission was unsuccessful. NB will send the application to David Rennie (A&B Council)
- SW reported that the digger will soon be paid for and should be delivered within next week or so.

### **Housing**

- RB has had meeting with Stephen Gove and Paul Farrell on Monday about the road. Feedback was that headings hadn't been met properly. RB will amend to meet the headings more closely. Paul Farrell suggests applying for road construction consent and providing a road bond (£102K) to ensure road will be built to adoptable standard. RB has modified master plan limiting housing to 5 and re-submitted today. It was suggested bidding for the council land below the forest for housing instead.
- Housing site completely surveyed and marker poles installed, matching to map.

### **AOCB**

- Woodland Trust trees – school to apply for trees
- Welly rack – CW & RB will work on a design and give school a price.
- Shed/storage – RB will visit school to discuss design.
- FS shelter – DB will take lead aiming to start with drainage as soon as possible. School to be invoiced as soon as possible. PPE budget also needs spent.

### **DONM – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**