

Minutes for KCFC Board meeting held on 29th September 2014

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

Apologies – Willie McAllan, Fraser Brown, Steve Williamson

Minutes of previous meeting

proposed DB, seconded AGW

Insurance/KCFC equipment

- Health & Safety risk assessments need to be adhered to when using equipment.
- Insurance needs checked to see who is covered to
- Gate needs to be erected as soon as possible.
- Procedures need to be established to add new equipment to insurance – admin job for Richard (Rob will add digger on in meantime)
- Working alone policy needs drawn up

Forest Operations (Colin Willment)

- Timber has moved from top and lorries won't be back.
- Digger has arrived and is being worked on. Parts have arrived for mini digger
- Drainage at Forest School site will be started once mini digger fixed
- sawmill has taken in almost £1k. A lot of repeat orders are coming in.
- no progress on branding device yet – responses to queries awaited
- We have about 1 year's supply of larch left. Once it is gone consideration will need to be given to a treatment plant. If customers don't specify need for larch, sitka is to be used.
- price list needs reviewed to reflect differing values of sitka, larch and larch heartwood.
- Another log store has been ordered. Design requests for shed and henhouse.
- Volunteers called in with CVs. At the moment there is no spare capacity to supervise and train.
- Firewood has been selling.
- Deer management. Three potential groups have visited and deer management plan will alter drastically if purchase of Upper Acharossan goes through. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile extending current lease until April in exchange for some produce for opening event next year.

Development Manager's report (Nikki Brown)

- £9,736 secured from HIE and FCS Community Fund. Thanks to Michaela for her support with this.
- Jamie due up on Wednesday; to be asked to submit drafts as he goes along.
- Tillhill meeting very successful. Egger proposals due soon.
- Formal valuation scheduled for 8th October. DB and NB will attend.
- Three animateurs recruited to do community consultation work next week.
- Public meeting scheduled for 16th Oct, Kames Rec Hall. Two slots for presentation to be scheduled during day.
- NB, WM & RB to attend HIE meeting on 29th Oct.

- Crowd-funding – still awaiting approval for school involvement. Social media intern to be sought to deal with publicising, to be rewarded with 10% of funding.
- Thanks to Michaela for helping with the bank reconciliation. Andrew Cowling from Wyllie and Bisset, is auditing.
- VAT registration forms have been submitted, to start from 1st September
- Sawmill income - £980 earned in September.

Hydro

- Co Hydro won't be ready to start until end Oct/November. They would be willing to delay till spring. Contracts need to be signed off before funding can be made available. NB will take the lead on the contracts.
- Ground work will start soon on access for installation.
- RB has voiced his doubts about our ability to put in the hydro pipeline by November.

Housing

- Billy Dickson, building warrant officer is planning to visit soon.
- It will cost £500 to have all drawings done for application.

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