

Minutes for KCFC Board meeting held on 13 October, 2014

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

Apologies – Willie McAllan,

Minutes of previous meeting
proposed AGW, seconded RB

Forest Operations (Colin Willment)

- Last of the timber has been removed by McKerrals. Oversized timber has been left and will be used for playground.
- Some work has been carried out on Kilfinan Way but is proving problematic. Digger will be available once housing site work is finished.
- Sawmill orders are still coming in. Pricing needs re-assessed as more intricate jobs are asked for. Already over £800 income so far in October. Need to push sales of the off-cuts. A bale will be put down at entrance with a poster. Orders are coming in from further afield. Thought will be given to options for providing delivery service.
- Drainage has been put in Forest School site. Main footpath has been drained and ditches dug out.
- Drew Rees would like to run another chainsaw course in November. An area (small trees) will be identified. Most relevant KCFC staff and volunteers are already trained. CW will negotiate terms.

Development Manager's report (Nikki Brown)

- Upper Acharossan progressing well. Press release has been issued and public meeting advertised. Jamie Chaplin-Bryce is making good progress and is about to start work on business plan
- Thanks to the community consultants who have done a great job consulting all PA21 residents and raising awareness of public meeting.
- DB & NB met with David Herriot. Valuation will hopefully arrive in time for public meeting.
- FCS has just informed of new 'claw back' of 25% on any future renewables for 15 years. This may affect valuation as it is a restriction. NB will investigate further.
- Scottish Land Fund application is being drafted. HIE will be sent drafts to ensure the application meets requirements. Meeting with Claire Munro from HIE on 29th October.
- A local householder phoned in response to the public meeting information with an offer of donation. NB will follow up with an email.
- Meeting with Scottish Water engineer re old reservoir, asking if KCFC wish to purchase it. Scottish Water intends breaching the reservoir to take volume below requirement for regulation for liability. Negotiations will be opened and a meeting arranged. DB & SW will attend. Ownership of new reservoir was also discussed. A valve needs fixed and should be made a condition of sale that this is done prior to acquisition.
- Crowd funding project will be launched on 20th October. Danielle Burks has been appointed Social Media project worker.
- £3.5k has been granted for Woodland Burials project.

- SW attended VAF awards in Edinburgh to collect the award. Contact made with Napier University re potential student placements. Richard will write press release on award.
- Kings Court volunteers will be asked to paint portacabins. Andy will coordinate the project.
- Deer Management. Current lease has been extended, Anton has agreed to supply the meat for summer BBQ
- Walking Theatre production of Treasure Island will take place in November.
- Remittance advice note received from Egger to be paid in during next month.
- New admin assistant, Richard, has settled in very well and impressed all so far.
- End of year accounts will be ready for mid-November AGM.
- NB will work on a forecast of cash flow.
- VAT registration has been sent off.
- Guy Elder is no longer able to do sculpture within the timescale. The commission will be advertised. AGW will send out to contacts.

Housing

- RB has been working on Section 6 and the architect has agreed window design.
- Final layout of the plots has been finished.
- Application almost finished. RB will speak to Steven Gove about road requirement before submitting.
- Billy Dixon, building control officer, visited. Requirement for hammerhead at end of spur for emergency services. Houses need to be more than 5 m from boundaries.
- The possibility of including huts in master plan was discussed.

Hydro

- It is unlikely that any more will be done on hydro this year. Work still needs done on funders' contracts. In the meantime Co-Hydro may be able to start work on the weir and shed. Access will also continue to be worked on. WA will write to suppliers explaining the situation. Lawyers have explained the format the contracts need to follow. SW will check over.

AOCB

- 4 weeks notice required for AGM. Richard will organise, Michaela will advise. Trustees report has been written by NB and sent to WA for approval. Provisional date 20th November, 7 pm.

DONM – Monday 27th October, 5pm