

**Kilfinan Community Forest Company
Board Meeting 26th November 2015**

Present. Willie McAllan, Steve Williamson, Di Wilson, Nicky Brown, Rob Barruso, David Hunter, Mark Bamford.

Apologies. Jo , Fiona Hamilton, Ali P.

Declarations of interest None declared.

Minutes of previous meeting, Proposed WM, seconded SW Accepted.

Matters arising Richard to update contact list and circulate.

HIE. WM told us that HIE have offered us a governance health check and skills audit. This will take about 3 hours, part face to face with John Black and part online. This is designed to show our strengths and highlight training needs and where improvements can be made. It was indicated that this could be helpful if we apply for funding.

Willie will follow this up with John Black and get further details.

Treasurers report. It was highlighted that getting the windblown extraction in motion asap is important to cash flow. It was agreed to put up a sign in the wild camping areas to allow Paypal donations.

Nickys report. Details are in Nickys Handover document. RB suggested we might be able to get a deal from the owners of Auchenlochan that has more money up front to help cash flow, he will investigate.

Saras report. Copy already sent.

Rob's report. Yard cleared for wood drying shed and re-graveled.

Housing on hold due to council holidays, RB to produce drainage plan.

Hydro. Head sensor failed, now replaced. Spear valve now jammed, will check tomorrow.

Problem with hydro loan, Cost of the turbine was missed out from application, this allong with the fact that the PPA was not in place was missed by the consultant. We can get £11,000 from the contingency fund, this is not urgent as they are not in a hurry for the money.

Power Purchase Agreement. It appears that someone lost the original and we have to get a new one. Electricity prices have dropped so the offer of £33/MWh is less than we are currently getting (£34/MWh) It was agreed to wait till prices pick up before getting a long term deal.

Angling Club now have a new lease for fishing rights courtesy of SW, £300/annum.

SW and Di to arrange handover of secretarial duties.

Party! Don't forget, 10th Dec 7pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 5th January