

Kilfinan Community Forest Company  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

**Present:** Steve Williamson, David Hunter, Jo Coley, Di Wilson, Mark Bamford, Rob Borruso, Willie MacAllan, Fiona Hamilton

**Apologies:** Ali Porter, Sara Maclean

**Declarations of Interest:** RB will leave during housing discussion.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed: DW

Seconded: JC

**Matters Arising**

FiT money has been received.

**Forest Operations Manager's report**

- Paths network almost complete and about to be re-seeded.
- Trees to be planted in the completed nursery. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. RB will liaise with Sara to mobilise volunteers. Bonfires would be useful beforehand.
- Thanks to David Blair for the free loan of excavator for both above projects.
- Hydro – REIFF representative phoned to ask for an interview via phone with RB next week. Beep machine will be prepared. Flow is very low today, but it is still producing energy
- Housing. Engineer now has drawings correct. Pack almost ready to send to building control.
- Rhododendron re-spraying has taken place.
- Amazement met the beautiful brevity of the Ops Manager's report.
- But he hadn't actually finished. Scottish Water visited. They need to demolish the weir to take the reservoir below level requiring inspection. RB pointed out any work would be extremely difficult to carry out and would require them to put in a road to get heavy machinery up. Costs would be considerable. A decision is awaited from Scottish Water.

**Forest Access Coordinator report**

- Sara had submitted her report. The board was pleased to see a busy schedule has been organised.
- Representatives from The Robertson Trust are visiting to assess the project for continuance funding.
- Aspen project will require deer-fencing. Unclear as yet how this will be funded.

**Treasurer's Report -**

- Accounts presented, with nothing major to report
- Nikki is sending off the Scotland's Finest Woods Awards entry and will submit her first invoice for KIT days.

**Housing Allocation Process**

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**RB left the meeting.** The options for discounting the plots and houses were discussed.

- Self-build. Subsidy will be 50% of the plot value. Buy back at valued price less the sum of money originally discounted.
- KCFC-built. Subsidy will be the value of the plot. Buy back at valued price less the sum of money originally discounted.
- Selection process needs to be robustly drawn up. All to put forward a few ideas via email by end next week. WM will check back minutes for work previously done. Specific meeting will be held to work on this. Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**Climate Challenge Fund Award**

- This needs to be looked at in more detail. To be discussed at another meeting.

**Woodland Burials**

- Next agenda

**AOCB**

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**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 5 pm**