

Kilfinan Community Forest Company  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

**Present:** Steve Williamson, David Hunter, Ali Porter, Mark Bamford, Rob Borruso, Willie MacAllan, Fiona Hamilton

**Apologies:** Di Wilson, Jo Coley

**Declarations of Interest:** Still no interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed: WM

Seconded: DH

**Matters Arising**

All items on agenda

**Apprentices**

Four applicants are to be invited for interview.

**Forest Access Coordinator**

Five applicants are to be invited for interview. There is a funding shortfall for this post. Money from felling should cover this if no other source can be found. SW and JC will make final decision after reviewing financial position.

**Telehandler**

RB happy with the old tele-handler, re-welded after the chasis cracked. No new toys required. A large bill is expected. WM is looking for training for Andy. AP will investigate a trainer in Lochgilphead. RB will look into the legalities of Andy being able to take the tele-handler on public roads after training.

**Housing**

Billy Dickson, A&B housing dept is visiting tomorrow to go through paperwork for building warrant. Lawyer is talking to Abriachan Community Woodland who have already been through the Rural Housing Burden process. It is hoped to get permission to start digging foundations while weather is good. Engineers' bill is also due.

**Rhododendron**

Re-spraying has taken place, final spray will be done next year. Final payment is due to Ross Petro. Rhododendron spraying ticket may be offered to apprentices.

**Woodland Burial**

Discussion needed with HIE to move the project forward. SIS are keen to talk about future collaboration. A joint meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

**Crofts**

Application to crofting commission has been started and sent to Jamie for comment. RB suggested to crofters that an agent is appointed to speed up the application process.

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**Event Space**

RB attended Kyles Marketing Group meeting and offered KCFC to hold the 2018 Kyles Music Festival event. This will give a focus for funding for the event space, working collaboratively with KMG.

**Reservoir**

New reservoir is due for its ten-year inspection, using SEPA-approved inspector. RB is working to minimise the cost.

**Paths**

It is now possible to walk via paths all the way to the start of the Kilfinan Way. Andy has done most of the work. Bracken needs to be kept under control. Bar Liath path now needs attention.

**God (aka Development Manager)**

Nikki is due back in August, part time. Management structure and DM remit will need to be reconsidered. (RB left the meeting). MB will draw up a 'letter of understanding' explaining the lead roles. No need for a formal structure is seen, but if it were, this is what it would look like.

**DONM** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. 5 pm.