

Kilfinan Community Forest Company

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 4th May, 2018

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
Present:	Mark Bamford, Marylou Anderson, Steve Williamson, Di Wilson, Fiona Hamilton, Rob Borruso	
Apologies:	Mick Eyre, Nikki Brown, Graeme Nimmo	
Minutes of Previous Meeting:	Proposed: DB Seconded: DW	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Data from Owl Meter would be very difficult to add to website without expensive re-design. Log-in details could be put on website. *Signage has been discussed with RB * Hot tunnel meeting went well. If contractors erect tunnel, half the budget will be used up. Various types of cover were discussed. Briquet machines are being looked at. *Other actions carried over 	RB to order signage

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<p>Forest Operations Manager Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Building control are happy with progress of Forest Centre. * Building warrants for five houses are all in place. * Electricity has been signed off for entire site. * Hydrologist from Sepa has visited to look at septic tank outflow. The burn identified is not considered sufficient. Solutions he suggested; a) spend money on further treatment equipment b) instal reed bed c) run pipe from reservoir to burn. Option C was considered most favourable. * Re-financing hydro loan. Triodos Bank have sent through various illustrations. RB to look into best option for reducing rate of interest. * Tilhill meeting has taken place and financial projection shared of income, and re-planting and road costs for next two years. By end of 2020 everything that's been felled will be in process of replanting. * Discussion about use of neonicotinoid-type root treatment to prevent vine weevils. Root treatment doesn't harm bees. Vine weevil infestation would destroy crop. Decision will be made at next meeting after investigating if any other options are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Action: RB * RB work on the numbers & options to maximise profit. * MB to speak to contact at Forestry Commission * MA investigate alternatives to prevent vine weevil infestation
<p>Financial Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cash flow is healthy. Bridging loan for forest centre can start being paid. Timber income not shown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *MB coordinate a directors vision planning day.

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<p>Forest Access Coordinators Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ME's report was submitted in advance giving update on groups and development. * ME has been successful in finding some funding for Youth Skills Development Project * £2500 has been granted to build and fence forest playpark * Twiggling Out has received funding to run until April 19. * Kilfinan Way - ground in one section is too wet for contractor to work on. * Kew Tree Seed project - Kew have asked KCFC to take part in second stage of project. Collecting seed from blackthorn and hawthorn. * Formal offer from KoB Angling Club to waive £300 rent to 2018 in return for 2 memberships for King's Court residents use, and running a joint Come and Try event. This was agreed. * Glenan Wood Bio Blitz. ME has been supporting organisation of the even. Tighnabruaich and Kilmodan pupils will take part. * Kilmodan pupils have visited to learn about employability in the Forest. * Heritage Project Display Boards - 	<p>SW & ME will organise a ditching session</p> <p>ME to write confirming KCFC's acceptance</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Curling pond. Lochgoilhead are reinstating their rink. * DB has an idea about a bin for composting dog poo for use in public flowerbeds. 	<p>DB will find out more</p> <p>DB contact Ron Gilchrist to discuss</p>
<p>DONB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Thursday 7th June. 5.30 pm 	