

Minutes of Board of Directors of KCFC held on 26.10.2011

Welcome Meeting started at 6.10pm

Stuart Jack thanked everyone for coming.

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Alison Mulholland, Stuart Jack, Vanessa Barlow, Eve MacFarlane, David Blair, Robert Blair, Kirsten Leicht.

Apologies

Andrew Graham-Weall, Penny Graham-Weall, Eamon King, Sara McLean.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed: Vanessa Barlow.

Seconded: Robert Blair.

SB's comments to be amended as agreed.

Matters Arising

VB to get details re. Bookkeeper. It was suggested that 3 hrs per month would be suitable.

Sub Groups

Forest Development Group

Due to circumstances out of the boards control, the path contract will have to be re-tendered and work will now start in the New Year.

The rhoddie programme will officially start on 01.01.12.

The cost of a log splitter will be £408 delivered.

Marketing

It was unanimously agreed that the marketing group would have a budget of £375 to spend, without needing prior approval of the board.

A calendar is being printed and will retail at between £6-8.

A twitter account has also been set up.

Development Officer

EK has already submitted a very positive report to the board.

Renewables

Hydro is in its second phase.

Staff Matters

SJ raised the matter that at the last meeting AM was asked to leave during this part of the meeting due to the fact her spouse is an employee of KCFC. He said he now felt that this was not necessary as, on reflection, it was all a matter of discretion on AM's part and also that AM did not influence any decisions made by the board. The other board members agreed. AM then stated that she understood the potentially sensitive nature of matters that may be discussed and reassured the board that at no time in past or indeed in the future would she disclose any information from the meetings she attended as minutes secretary.

The board agreed that there was no need for AM to leave in future.

Any Other Business

Further to the AGM:

VB proposed SJ as chairperson. DB seconded. SJ accepted.

SJ proposed DB as vice-chair. Unanimously seconded. DB accepted.

AM agreed to continue as minutes secretary.

Ailsa Close will continue as company secretary.

Organigram – unanimously adopted.

New memo – unanimously adopted.

Agenda – unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that all subgroups would use the new agenda format to update the board.

After a discussion it was agreed that in future the AGM would be better held in April/May.

Any Other Competent Business

The store for the wood fuel is underway and will have 36, 1m² bays for split logs. Prices for the wood would be arranged by EK and FDG.

There followed a discussion regarding the trading arm of KCFC. It was explained there are 3 options available that can change if the nature of the company changes in the future.

SJ proposed that a 'trading division' would best suit KCFC's needs. This was unanimously accepted by the board.

SJ proposed that the figures given in the treasurers report at the AGM should not be disclosed in the minutes as this is sensitive information. VB seconded.

SJ said we should have a group to work on future funding with possibly DB, EMacF, EK and possibly PGW to look at CCF as the deadline is 02.12.11.

The board agreed to pay for the website bill from core funds. EK will contribute.

The board agreed to pay the lawyers bill, and decided that in future they would seek seek free legal advice first (HIE provides such a service).

The board also wished to express a big congratulations to KL on the announcement that she expecting and wish her all the best for the future.

The board also wished to thank VB for sourcing some wet weather gear for volunteers.

Meeting Actions and Decision

Re-tender path contract.

Marketing Group £375 budget.

Operate wood fuel as trading Division.

Set up future funding group.

Pay website bill.

Pay lawyers bill.

See AOB above for other agreed decisions.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting on TBC.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm.