

**Kilfinan Community Forest Company
Board Meeting
Wednesday 4th April 2012**

At Kilfinan Community Forest Offices

Minutes

David Blair; Rob Blair; Eve MacFarlane, Penny Graham Weall. Andrew Graham Weall

Apologies: Stuart Jack

Minutes

Amendments to last minutes

Eve can do website & social media but not necessarily database management

Is stuart happy with new roles?

Andrew to amend minutes from last meeting and send to Eve who will post them on website

Fundraising

Future Funding Sub Group identified a need to boost Core Funds with a fundraising appeal targeted at past supporters

David has written a fundraising letter which needs a donation form. He will send this to Eve to print out. Agreed that we will all distribute the letter personally where appropriate over Easter

Administrator

Future Funding Sub Group also identified an urgent need for a part time administrator (4 hours pw approx, rate to be negotiated) to administrate fund raising and office duties in general

Three possibilities were identified and will be followed up

New Directors

Again an urgent need. 12 possibilities were identified and will be approached informally by directors

It was also agreed we would advertise and Andrew will create an ad referring those interested to David on 811809 or Andrew on 811681. applications by the end of April

AGM

Ideally we would have this in May or June but we need an administrator in post to organise. Need to arrange a date when Stuart is available

Finances

David has suggested that Eamon repays anything borrowed from Core Funds and uses his Coop overdraft in the future so that the two accounts are run separately

David agreed to extend his interest free loan (£30,000 due for repayment in 2012,2013,2014) until funds become available

Purchase of Forest

We have until April 2015 to purchase the bigger section of Forest. We are waiting for the Scottish Land Fund to become available

If KCFC are successful in buying this area they will also benefit from an income from Davids personal hydro scheme which shares a weir on Forestry Commission land

Tidying up the site

Andrew suggested a volunteer day

Sale of Timber

Future Funders have suggested a sale of timber and board agreed. Eamon and Alana will prepare an inventory and pricing plan

Coastal Communities Event

This is a pot of £1.85m for Argyll and the Islands, Future funders have suggested we apply for a sawmill yard.

Penny agreed to attend an event in Inverary next Monday

Eamon is populating the application form

Hydro Scheme

Board agreed to give Eamon the go ahead to progress the hydro scheme

Next board meeting

To be arranged around Stuarts availability