

Minutes of the Kilfinan Community Forest Company Board of Directors, held at the Forest at 6pm on Wednesday 18th July 2012

Attendees:

Rob Barusso
Rob Blair
David Blair
Eve Mcfarlane
Penny Graham Weall
Andrew Graham Weall

Apologies

It was noted that Stuart Jack has resigned and he is thanked for his contribution to the Community Forest

Welcome

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as correct by Andrew and seconded by David.

Matters Arising

AGM is at 7 not 7.30 on Wed 8th August
David to get minutes from last AGM

Wind turbine feasibility study

This proposal was discussed and the 500kw option noted as the most cost effective size. It should last 15-20 years and could be paid off over 7-8 years
The Forest could make use of the income but substantial amounts could be diverted to the Development Trust for the direct benefits of the Community
Penny noted that the Development Trust is not yet a properly constituted organisation and is in the early stages of Community Consultation
Rob suggested that now is an ideal time to progress a turbine as interest rates are low and the subsidies still in place

Concern over visibility from Kyles and north Bute Concern over community reaction

Forest partnerships and felling timber

Eamon has 3 companies interested who will come back with a valuation of a)PDA and b) forest by early August

They can potentially pay road obstruction up front Mixed woodland coming down. Retain hardwoods

Site should free up space for crofts and affordable housing How many of each?

Approx 3 crofts and 6-8 affordable plots were agreed, plus a timber yard. Eamon to map out Road will eventually link to Kilfinan way. Possibility for burial site. Next phase can include Camping in recreational area
We can potentially approach council to extend PDA

Reservoir purchase

Scottish Water will be putting this up for auction.
No value to anyone else
Worth having as a recreational facility
Its value will depend on the current estimated volume of reservoir
Potentially we could offer £1 as we are a charity

There is another area with 2 small reservoirs potentially also available

Compost

We have an interested party who will be contacted
Agreed we can offer 12 x. £8.50 per hr for Tues/Thurs/Sat
Stuart could be asked to train up tractor skills
David can support

AGM

New directors
Welcome to Rob Barusso
New potential directors still being approached

Fundraising was successful, especially with the Batchworth Trust but needs to be more focussed in future

Accounts need finalising by Aug 7th Penny

Contact Kate Weir re admin post

Next meeting Wed August 1st 2012