

Minutes of KCFC Board meeting held on 19/9/2012

Welcome

Meeting started at 6.20pm

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David Blair, Eve MacFarlane, Robert Blair, Andrew Graham-Weall,
Steve Williamson, Eamon King

Apologies

Willie McAllan, Rob Borusso

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Proposed - Eve MacFarlane

Seconded - Steve Williamson

Matters Arising

Eamon King advised that CARES grant application was progressing and should be with Community Energy Scotland within the next few days.

A date for rhododendron clearance commencement was also to be sought.

Still issues with Board email addresses- those affected to follow with Ken/Sam Coley.

New Caledonian Woodlands volunteer weekend was a great success with a network of paths established. Our thanks for a fine effort by the team.

Possible chainsaw course dates for Craig Blair to be investigated.

Phase 3

Board wished to formally congratulate Eamon King for a successful conclusion to all his prolonged efforts in achieving approval of our grant applications from HIE and LEADER. Despite this success there is still a shortfall of approx. £23k and number of options are being investigated.

We intend to create 2 full time and one part time job as a key part of the Phase 3 development and job specifications are currently being reviewed. The aim is to start the advertising and selection process within the next two months.

EGGER to be approached for firm valuation for PDA clearance timber.

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In addition to new road for PDA fell, the existing road will require an upgrade to cope with HGV traffic – to be funded by advance from timber felling ?

Wind turbine data is looking promising and contracting are about to survey access to site for build.

It was agreed that a further meeting was needed to create a detailed plan for Phase 3 implementation.

Development Officer Post

It was noted that HIE funding reduces to 35% in 2nd year leaving KCFC to find £5.5k supplement to fund.

Forest Croft Event

Crofting 'Knowledge Share' event confirmed for 26th Oct. Limited numbers, so anyone interested please register in advance.

AOB

Craig Blair contract of employment to be finalized asap.

It was agreed that Craig should report to David Blair regarding any technical matters re composting etc and other admin related issues to Michaela or electronically via "info" email address.

It was decided that a bonfire party should be held on Sat 3rd Nov .

Robert Blair to confirm date of Kames fireworks before event is publicized.

Meeting closed at 8pm