

## **Minutes of the Kilfinan Community Forest Company Board of Directors, held at the Forest Office at 5.00pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

### **Attendees:**

David Blair  
Rob Borusso,  
Eamon King  
Andrew Graham-Weall  
Steve Williamson  
Rob Blair  
Willie McAllan

### **Apologies**

Eve Macfarlane

### **Welcome from David**

#### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by AG-W and seconded by DB.

#### **CHAINSAW TRAINING**

Willie, Craig Blair, Rob Borusso and Dan Jones have now passed their first level.

#### **CHIPPER COURSES**

Drew Rees also does these courses, 1 day duration for 4 people.

#### **PPE**

Equipment needs replacing and we need to equip Craig. Also Chainsaws need maintaining, SW is looking into spare parts etc. And thinks costs will be about £150

#### **LOGS**

Sales continue to improve

#### **FOREST OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Has now been recruited and starts his new post on 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### **FOREST OPERATIONS DEPUTY**

Pre-selection has been done and interviews will be next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

We need to continue to research a good contract template. (SW)

Payroll training for Nikki will be from Jean Donaldson.

#### **ARCHITECT FOR CROFTS AND SIGNATURE BUILDING**

Darren baird has visited the site and discussed the project with Rob Borusso.

He will quote for the job through planning stage, even though Paul Convery and Steve Gove seem to be behind the scheme.

#### **COMMUNITY PAYBACK**

Willie is negotiating with the people at Paisley to see how this can work to everyone's advantage for the footpaths. Meanwhile we have a 'Job Centre Plus' helper, Alec White, who is keen to make up hours with his tractor and digger tickets.

**RESERVOIR**

Scottish Water are mending some elements of the dam and pipework before they sign off the reservoir for sale. This should be completed by March.

**HYDROSCHEME.** Currently applying for funding for the pre-planning stage.

**FELLING CONTRACT**

Eamon is still trying to secure the licence from FCS, meeting with our officer in Perth on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.

Once signed off, everything else, road etc, falls into place. The contractor feels that he will find enough stone on the site for the top surface.

**ELECTRICAL SUPPLY FOR NEW WORKSHOPS / MILL**

Various options for this supply, but a generator seems cost effective and direct.

**VOLUNTEER DAYS**

We will commence with these again from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at about 1.30pm for anyone who can spare the time.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 at the forest office.