

## **Minutes of the Kilfinan Community Forest Company Board of Directors, held at the Office 5pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

**Attendees:** David Blair (Chair), Robert Borruso, Robert Blair,, Eve Mcfarlane, , Steve Williamson Eamon King, Jamie Caplin-Brice, Andrew Graham-Weall **Apologies:** Willie McAllan

### **Welcome from David**

### **Minutes of the previous meetings**

22<sup>nd</sup> April proposed correct by RBo and seconded RBI

### **Matters arising**

It was agreed that NW to take minutes and receive hours off in lieu

No news about ongoing rhododendron clearance finances

CW to attend chipper course next week

EK awaiting CARES decision re hydro feasibility funding. The loan for the met mast in the process of being closed down, EK to further investigate met mast ownership in the context of future rental income

HELP and 'community payback' now coming in every week and working satisfactorily

WM to meet accountant on the 9<sup>th</sup> May

### **Forest Design Plan**

JCB presented first draft of FDP all present broadly agreed with restock plan. However, to get the document to a stage where it is acceptable to FCS some external expertise will need to be brought in. This was agreed by all present.

### **Reservoir ownership**

EK reports on survey that suggests a contingency of £4-7k annually be set aside as cost of ownership. DB suggests that the two smaller reservoirs be sold to KCFC separately to allow us to fully capitalise on their amenity value.

### **Archaeology**

WM would like to carry out an archaeological 'field walk' after the road line is cleared but before the road is put-in.

### **New directors**

DB had a chat with Fiona Hamilton (head mistress of the school) with a view to becoming a director. She stated that she would be happy to step into this role. All directors present agreed that she would be an excellent addition.

### **Summer work programs**

WM suggests that we undertake summer work programs in co-ordination with Job Centre. EK commented on last years program which highlighted the need for close scrutiny of 'workforce'. JCB to to asses needs costs and benefits.

## **Funding**

DB suggests that an approach made to SNH for funding as we, in one way or another could deliver many of their goals.

## **Felling**

Further correspondence from EGGER revealed a flat rate of £13.01 per tonne for standing timber with no differentiation for species. RBo to advise on level of 'hold back' for building projects. Work to start on road line clearance next week.