

Minutes of the Kilfinan Community Forest Company Board of Directors, held at the Office at 5pm, Monday 29th July 2013

Attendees: David Blair (Chair), Robert Borruso, Fiona Hamilton, Eve Macfarlane, Willie McAllan, Steve Williamson, Andrew Graham-Weall, Jamie Chaplin-Brice, Nikki Woolf

Welcome from David

Minutes of the previous meeting: 3rd July proposed correct by EM and seconded by FH

Operations Manager Report

Access Road

- Ian Montgomery from Ross Macarthur (RM), has confirmed they can bring the road to 12%, using stone out of the burrow pit to do so. J C-B to get written assurance from RM that lorries can get up there.
- Crusher expected to return – J C-B to discuss with RM.

Firewood processor

- Hakki Pilke has been purchased from M Large – due to arrive this week, along with dumpy bags.

Sawmill

- Woodmizer has been ordered – with Keith Threadgall to organise delivery.
- R Borruso contacted SSE re electricity for sawmill and houses – they recommended not to apply for a major connection contract. R Borruso to apply for a 100KVA transformer, as agreed by the majority present at the board meeting.

Operations Worker training

- NW to confirm how much is left in the training budget for Colin to do medium and windblow chainsaw course (£950).

RBS account – signatories

- NW to complete forms to switch RBS signatories.

Awards For All

- Remaining budget to be allocated to outstanding tasks (school workshops/ frames for interpretation panels & site signage) – J C-B to see if SW's workshop is suitable for building frames.

'Make a bench' demo

- Demonstration to take place at the forest; J C-B/ CW to advertise at the producers market on 3rd Aug.

KCFC toilets

- NW to arrange for toilets to be emptied by Argyll First.

Bute Forest

- J C-B visited Emma Cooper at Bute Forest on Saturday – point raised that the two forests should be supporting one another.

FSC accreditation

- J C-B having meeting with Colin McNair (RJ Dixon) on 30th July regarding certification.

Rhododendron project

- KCFC has committed the case to FCS – should know by 31st July.

Forest Design Plan

- Tom Davies is currently approving the concept map.

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Forest Operations building

- R Borruso building roof on Wednesday 31st Aug; to email NW regarding parts that need ordering.

Development Officer report

- All to refer to individual points and action where necessary.

CARES loan

- DB is reopening wind loan; DB to update. SW to apply for planning extension for Met Mast.

Reservoir survey

- DB to speak to Keith Raffan (SVA Auctions) re splitting two smaller reservoirs.

Hydro

- SEPA application has been submitted; DB pulling together planning application.

HIE

- Helen MacDougall is no longer KCFC's case officer; Kirsten Logue now point of contact.
- Helen wants to know of anything HIE can do to help with the case plan, e.g. access and services for housing. Business plan to be put together – WM and NW to discuss as per cash flow spread sheet.

Kilfinan Trust

- Interest free loans – DB & MH to have a meeting with Nick Ferguson.

AOB

- CWA conference (24th & 25th Aug) – SW and R Borruso to put together PowerPoint presentation for speaker slot. NW confirming accommodation, etc.
- EGGER – coming back to do harvesting in Aug/ September.
- AGM – taking place last week in September (26th), 7.30pm. NW to do minutes. Email to go out to prospective new Directors informing them of the AGM.
- Eve's last board meeting – thank you Eve!

Date of next meeting: 12th August, 5pm