

## **Laide & Aultbea Community Woodland – Directors' Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

### **Present:**

John Rippin, Peter Jarosz, Kevin Ginty, Tony Carpenter, Janet Barclay, Alan Turnbull. Nick Murray.

**Apologies:** Andrew Jackman.

### **Approval of last minutes:**

Proposer Tony Carpenter

Secunder Peter Jarosz

### **Matters arising:-**

There were no matters arising.

### **Treasurer's report & membership update:**

Peter Jarosz gave an update on the membership returns, and current account status. There has been little change since the last meeting.

As membership returns are slow it was agreed that emails would be sent out, and a reminder put in the Newsletter.

### **Working party routines:**

Due to the variable weather conditions it was agreed that it would be better if these were arranged for whenever best suited members. Depending on at least two people who could use email to inform others who might wish to attend, a list of jobs outstanding will be put in the container and each party can choose which to tackle.

The following tasks were discussed- clearing Logosol area in preparation for moving the film set building, which will be brought down the new track from the lower car park.

Learning how best to operate the saw. Also the purchase and installation of a large plastic Water butt at the container site in main car park.

### **Dog fouling**

This is getting worse again. It was agreed that a number of notices be displayed in the car park and intervals around the paths. If anyone sees this happening they should politely explain the problem to the visitor. The Dog Warden will be asked to visit again.

### **Christmas Dinner**

This will be arranged for a date in January. Sylvia will arrange and contact members to

agree a suitable Friday.

### **The proposed building**

At this point there was no new progress to report.

### **Land Management options**

The 2012/3 application for £3,030 is allocated to the extension of the path to the hide (75percent grant).

It was agreed that a further possible grant for next year would start work on a path to the left of the hide bridge, along side the burn which would give access to a possible wildlife habitat and eventually extend to the lower car park.

### **Any Other Business**

John mentioned that Otters had been seen by the duck race bridge, and this lead on to discussion about Red Squirrels. This is more of a long term project and it was suggested that we liaise with Paul Bolton and Gairloch Estate and, possibly attempt to meet up with Roy Dennis.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013, at 7.30 in the Aultbea Hall.