

Laide and Aultbea Community Woodland

Directors Meeting

Held in the Aultbea Hall Upper Meeting Room on Thursday 27th March 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: Peter Jarosz, Kevin Ginty, Andrew Jackman, Tony Carpenter, Nick Murray, Alan Turnbull, Jan Barclay

Also Ruth MacLeod, Sylvia Foster.

APOLOGIES: John Rippin

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Proposed: Nick Murray

Seconded: Tony Carpenter

MATTERS ARISING

Kevin reported that a reminder about subscriptions for this year has been posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Peter said that he would discuss the GALE website details with Janet Miles shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter reported the income so far from membership was around £700. Also, a bench refurbishment had brought in a £100 donation.

He also agreed to remind Murdo to let us have his invoice before the end of March.

For the financial year 2012-13, Peter was pleased to have been able to submit our accounts to Companies House and OSCR on time, and thanked SJN, our accountants, for a job well done.

FOREST PLAN

Andrew was thanked for his work on the draft Plan. He reported that the draft has been sent to the Forestry Commission, who will follow up shortly with a visit and then after any comments it will be forwarded for final approval. After which Kevin will put it on the website in full, including the appendices, giving a twenty-year vision of our project.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the 19th April. Janet reported that all the posters will be distributed and that the Gairloch & District Times and Two Lochs Radio would advertise the event. It

was agreed that it would be run as per last time, with the same marshals and top-up egg supply. Jan has got the Easter eggs.

DEMO POLE LATHE WORK

Scheduled to take place on the Primrose Walk event.

Malcolm Purvis has agreed to a preview that will take place at Malcolm's garage on Sunday 6th April at 2pm.

PRIMROSE WALK

To be held on the 3rd May. Organisation will be as per last year. Tony will acquire wood from Dundonnell to make a bench for the raffle 1st prize, and there will be a total of 10 prizes (members have been asked to donate these).

Martin Rowe will do a willow dragonfly demonstration, in which visitors can participate.

It was generally felt that we should not have the mink rafts on show - as some people might not approve.

Tony introduced a discussion about the possibility of some aid to tree identification. Several ideas were suggested and it was agreed that a possible event might be worked out. Also, we might mark one of each species at conspicuous points around the main trail.

Jan passed round copies of the events list for this year, and reported the good response from "Around Gairloch". She will also, in future, try to include them in the West Highland Free Press.

Jan will contact Fiona re yurt.

It was agreed that the "Round the Wood Quiz" should be available to download from the website.

DIRECTORS DINNER

Sylvia has arranged this for the 19th April 2014 at the Shieling, 7.00pm for 7.30

NEWSLETTER

Kevin was congratulated on the new style and format that it was agreed presented the newsletter in as a more professional looking document.

He is keen to get as many as possible circulated electronically via email to members, only sending hard copy to those existing members who do not have a computer. It was agreed that new members from 2014 will, by default, receive the newsletter via email, and that existing paper copy recipients would be asked if they could, and would, switch to an emailed version instead. It was also suggested we should try to get a sponsor.

We discussed the possibility whether the “footer” now used on the newsletter should be standardized on all our paper work and web literature. The general consensus was for the footer to be used on all our documents and web site.

BLUE TRAIL EXTENSION

Now completed but waiting to dry out. Kevin will walk in tomorrow and remove barriers if it is dry enough.

USAF WORKING PARTY

We agreed that we could take 8 people to work on Lodge Pole Pine extraction. Peter will follow up to see if it is going ahead. The feeling of the meeting was that it could be a good PR event.

GALE

Dealt with under matters arising above.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jan asked Nick to put up the last Bat Box and also reminded us of the need to keep up the dog poo emptying rota.

Sheila Henderson has asked Kevin if she could do a survey of newts in the area of Loch na Creige, which he agreed to and asked her to let us have a copy of the data, to be included in the biological data section of the website. It was suggested we also copy this to Peter Cunningham.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th May 2014 (additional meeting may be required as Sat. 3rd May is Primrose Walk)