

Laide and Aultbea Community Woodland

Directors' meeting, 28th July 2011.

Apologies

Kevin Ginty

Present:

John Rippin, Tony Carpenter, Nick Murray, Alan Turnbull, Peter Jarosz, Andrew Jackman, also Paul Bolton from NTS

Approval of minutes

Proposer Andrew Jackman, seconder Janet Barclay.

Matters arising:

Squirrel project. AT.

SNH French students PJ.

Thistle camp, AJ.

Purchases, NM.

Treasurer's Report.

Peter reported on the last payment from the Highland Leader project, and gave an overview of the current financial situation.

Building grant application.

Andrew said thing the next thing was to complete an appraisal and we discussed the best ways to distribute this, including two lochs radio, yellow pages, the local shops etc. and also considered the cost of posting to members, and emailing.

Improvement to hide trail.

John said that the work already completed had begun to set well, and that we should put up signs at both ends (loch and M1). The barrier should now be removed.

It was agreed that the path along the loch side should be re routed to raise it clear of the water edge and improvement be done to the wet parts in the wood.

Andrew suggested that the Thistle camp people could do the re alignment of the path and that we should move gravel and liner down in advance. It was agreed that we purchase 20 tonnes of gravel and arrange the transportation on site. Also incorporate Terram liner, some of which we already have. Anyone with any spare to contact JR ASAP.

Health and safety.

Nick asked where the foam fire extinguisher should be placed and it was agreed that the best place was the ATV store.

There was discussion about the safety aspect of stored fuel and it was agreed that it would be best not to store any but to bring it on site as required.

A winter ice sign was agreed should be placed on the main notice board. Plus temporary signs at each end of the sponsored tree plantation whenever considered necessary. Nick is organising these.

Events

Jan asked that the quiz time be extended for a little longer, and this was agreed. Jan also explained that she was still trying to get James Merryweather to agree dates and that Peter Cunningham was ok for August, also Paul will do an Autumn walk and possibly a Bat evening as well.

Jan also reported that there had been much good response to the signage.

We need new ideas for the next primrose walk and also how to deal with the car parking problem.

Newsletter

John agreed to hold this back until completion of the appraisal forms for insertion. It was agreed we should collect email addresses for as many members as possible by enclosing a note in the hard copies sent out next. Also in all future membership applications.

Duke of Edinburgh scheme

Tuesday night sessions were going well and they were now developing a grid scheme for the sponsored tree area which would be displayed on the car park notice board and would use numbered zone markers along the path side.

AGM

Date was fixed for 22 Sept at 7:30pm in Aultbea Community Hall.

Motion 1/28072011.

Sale of boat:-

Passed unanimously.

Nick offered £100.

The Board agreed the sale.

Any Other Business

1.Squirrels. It was agreed that the project to seek approval to trap move and introduce Red Squirrels to the wood should be pursued in conjunction with NTS, and Gairloch Estates.

Andrew said that as his people were getting their proposal together we should wait for them, at which point we can then contact John Mackenzie and also ask Roy Dennis to come and talk to us all about the best course to follow, based on his work at Dundonnell.

2.French students (SNH). Peter agreed to approach them to find out what kind of experience they were looking for and whether we could offer work for them.

3.Purchases. Nick said the water reserve and associated plumbing was now

working. We therefore need to buy a Pressure Washer and he also said we need ladders.

Both purchases were agreed and it was also agreed that we should open an account at HIS. Peter to deal with these matters.

4. Janet told us that she had asked Jane Rowe to join the board and that she would be assisting her in the organisation of events.

John suggested that she should attend the next meeting which will take place after the AGM she could then be appointed, if she wished to proceed, by the current Board of Directors in accordance with our Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The next directors' meeting will be 7:30 pm Thursday 13th October, 2011.