

FINAL

■ FRIENDS OF GLENAN WOOD TRUSTEES' MEETING – August 2019

- **Date:** August 7, 2019
- **Time:** 9.00am
- **Place:** Lucy's house
- **Attendees:** Mark Appleton, Mick Eyre, Andree Hawke, Ian Lindsay, Eve MacFarlane, Lucy Roper, Craig Ward
- **Apologies:** Rob Borusso, Heather Cattermole, Robin Webster

Agenda items

1. Minutes of last meeting. Although not specifically discussed no issues were raised concerning the minutes of the last meeting, consequently they can be signed off and posted on the FoGW website. **ACTION: Eve**

2. Treasurer's Report. Lucy stated that the balance of funds stands at £588 of which £500 from the Scottish Land Fund is available to spend on educational items. There followed a discussion about what kind items could be purchased both for the impending Glenan Gathering and for any potential ongoing projects. Various items including camera traps, butterfly nets, apothecary-type herbs and planters were discussed and Lucy said she would compile a list of items for approval by the Trustees before ordering them online. **ACTION: Lucy**

3. Scottish Land Fund Mick explained how he had held an hour-long phone call with Terry O'Neill, Funding Officer from the Community Fund discussing our application in detail. Topics covered at length included, *inter alia*, community engagement, pathway upgrades, membership numbers, the land value update, the management plan, mapping of the forest, and the applicability of VAT to the land purchase. Mick said that he felt the discussion had been very positive and stated that Terry would prepare a report based on it, which would be presented to the SLF board for a final decision. Mick had been told that we should expect to hear the final result of the application at the end of August.

4. Rural Social Enterprise Mick asked for help from fellow trustees in viewing training material provided by Rural Social Enterprise which is aimed at board members from organisations such as ours and covers a wide variety of topics. The material has been prepared in such a way as to make it accessible and informal with a view to increasing knowledge and competences for people volunteering in rural social enterprises. **ACTION: All**

5. Annual General Meeting It was suggested that the AGM be scheduled for late October, provisionally Saturday 26th in the Kames Church Hall, if available. **ACTION: Eve / Lucy**

6. Invasive Species Workshop Craig informed the group that Argyll Small Wood Cooperative would be running this workshop in Arrochar on September 2 and that it would be useful if more than one trustee attended. Ian and Mark indicated interest.

7. Glenan Gathering There was some concern over the lack of response to a request for funding from the Tighnabruaich Development Trust and Andree attempted to follow this up during the meeting but without success. There followed some discussion around the availability of moth and fungi experts for the event and also whether the event should be a one- or two-day affair. It was felt that given the time and effort involved in setting up a marquee a two-day event would be better. The format for the Friday, when local schools would attend was discussed and a provisional schedule of 3 x 2hr sessions for each 10-child school group was proposed, comprising: a bug hunt; beach collection; individual art pieces; the creation of a collage.

Craig said that some ground preparation in the form of strimming an area for Margaret's Labyrinth would be required, something that would also be needed to be done prior to the erection of the marquee.

Other Glenan Gathering issues discussed included: the need for public liability insurance; contacting Forestry and Land Scotland about holding the event; the possible provision of food by Portavadie Estates Limited and of a BBQ by King's Court on the Saturday; the possible use of CalMac's toilet facilities; Saturday's activities including a bird walk, tree walk and bat walk. **ACTIONS: All**

8. Next meeting In view of the impending Glenan Gathering, the date of the next meeting was set for 9.30am, August 19 at the Kilfinan Community Forest.

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