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■ FRIENDS OF GLENAN WOOD TRUSTEES' MEETING – March 2019

- **Date:** March 1, 2019
- **Time:** 3.30pm
- **Place:** KCFC meeting room
- **Attendees:** Mark Appleton, Mick Eyre, Andree Hawke, Eve MacFarlane, Heather Muir, Lucy Roper, Craig Ward
- **Apologies:** Robin, Rob, Robbie.

The meeting kicked off with a welcome to Craig Ward who has been co-opted as a trustee based on his position as a woodland crofter in Kilfinan Community Forest and his previous experience working with community groups and in fund-raising. Craig explained he previously lived in the Argyll village of Ford and has worked as a hotelier and musician. He is particularly interested in woodland conservation matters but keen to offer input in any way he can.

Agenda items

1. Minutes of last meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting could be signed off and posted on the FoGW website. **ACTION: Eve**
2. Treasurer's Report. Lucy reported that there was no change to the position reported in the previous meeting
3. Update on Asset Transfer. Eve explained that there would be no decision from Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) until April regarding the asset transfer but that in the meantime, she and Mick has met with Hughie from the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) in order to update them and be appraised of their position. Hughie explained that the next round of decision making from SLF would take place later this month and that normally a decision from FCS would have been made before a charity such as ours would make a submission to SLF.

However, Hughie stated that he was happy for Friends of Glenan Wood to submit an application to SLF while issues highlighted by FCS were being addressed.

In terms of those issues, following feedback on our proposal from Rebecca Carr of FCS, Mick went through the areas that require additional input from FoGW, one by one. The trustees discussed ways in which we could address the need for greater detail in certain areas, including the request for a 25-year income stream projection.

There were some excellent suggestions from the trustees as to how we could address these issues while remaining true to the core principles of the charity.

4. Scottish Land Fund Mick explained that the process of drafting our submission to the Scottish Land Fund was progressing on schedule and should be ready by March 11. **ACTION Mick**

5. Fundraising Strategy Andree noted that attempts at fund-raising in the local community by other charities have met with little success lately and that our own cause is hampered by currently not having a specific target to aim at. However, letters seeking donations have been sent to individuals and business entities with a local connection.

6. Communications & publicity The trustees agreed that Robin should be commended for his homemade banner inviting people to support FoGW, which was erected at the entrance to Glenan Wood car park. It was felt that whatever the banner lacks in structural integrity, is more than compensated for by its old school charm and the simplicity of its message.

7. New board members (See introduction)

8. Any other business Following a reply from Police Scotland in response to a letter from FoGW expressing concern at the presence of hunters in and around Glenan Wood, it was suggested that a reply could be sent, acknowledging receipt and expressing our intention to monitor the situation closely. **ACTION Mark**

9. Next meeting The date of the next meeting was set for April 5 at 3.30pm at the Kilfinan Community Forest.

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