

■ FRIENDS OF GLENAN WOOD TRUSTEES' MEETING – February, 2021

- **Date:** February 15, 2021
- **Time:** 8.00pm
- **Place:** Remotely via video conference.
- **Attendees:** Mark Appleton, Heather Cattermole, Andree Hawke, Robin Webster, Niall McFarlane, Ed Pybus, Rob Borruso.
- **Apologies:** Eve Macfarlane, Katherine Lowrie, Rhyddian Knight.

Agenda items

1. Minutes of last meeting and governance. Robin said the minutes of the previous meeting were fine. Niall said we need a qualified accountant to look at our accounts before submitting them to OSCR. Heather said she would ask a family member if they could undertake this task. In order to take donations from our website Niall said that we could open up a Paypal business account although there will be a charge for each donation taken. It was agreed that this was an acceptable way to proceed. Niall said that money had come in from the Tighnabraich Development trust which has been spend on a printer, emergency beacon and first aid kit for Rhyddian. **ACTION: Heather, Niall**

2. Orchard project. Rob said he knows a chainsaw instruction trainer who is looking for trees to cut down for training purposes. It needs to be 18 trees so those trees can be taken down, chopped up and cleared up free of charge. Rob will go on site and identify with Rhyddian the trees to take down. Robin said fencing contractors will be dropping material on site soon and also said he has changed planning notes regarding the huts to be more in line with local planning guidance. Robin also asked for guidance on which fruits would be good for the orchard. All to make suggestions if they wish. Ed said there is some scope for changing the list of fruit trees and bushes to be purchased for the orchard before the final order is made and then went round the group asking for ideas about how everyone perceived the overall goals. Ed will draw the board's thoughts together in a document. Robin, Rhyddian and Rob to meet on site to identify the trees to come down.

ACTION: Rob, Rhyddian, Ed

3. Fund raising etc Robin said that we are excluded from some funding applications due to our one-off large funding income in past years. Andree mentioned the NFU and Minerva Trust as potential funding applications where we may have a chance of being successful. These funds would be potentially for fruit cages to protect against birds and for a structure for educational purposes. Robin said he was looking at the idea of making a larger notice board for the site. He had also spoken to Wild Harvest jams said welcome to get cuttings from soft fruit plants.

Date of next meeting: Next meeting March 8 at 8.00pm

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