

Friends of Glenan Wood

Draft Notes of Trustee meeting on 19th March 2025

Present:

Hannah Buss, Katharine Lowrie, Niall McFarlane, Iain Waugh, Robin Webster

1. Glenan Ranger programme

The draft programme prepared by Rhyddian was welcomed. After considerable discussion the following was agreed:

Night walks:

suggest plan for 6 over the year (Too light in the summer)
Torches etc to be held in container and managed by Rhyddian.
If using David as leader, tickets must cover his cost (£300). But Rhyddian also able to lead. **(Action Rhyddian)**

Day walks:

plan for minimum of 6 over the year. As Portavadie have a revolving client base, more of them could be profitable: Rhyddian to make judgement, local folk should not have to pay so much. **(Action Rhyddian)**

Visitors to the Wood

It was suggested that buckets full of gravel/ planks (whatever needs moved) and litter pickers could be left with a notice "please take me to the board walk" (or wherever) for the general public, as is being successfully practiced on the walk from Porthvail along the coast.

Paid Work Parties

Tasks could include deer exclosures, rhododendron pulling, bog bridges etc... important to include good grounding of conservation of the woodland- why the jobs are essential for its restoration. (for JP Morgan etc.)

It was agreed that a JP Morgan work party would be a help and that we could charge them for the experience, (How much to be agreed; (£100/day?) Cost of materials to be considered. **(Action Rhyddian)**

Forest Ranger Co-ordination

It has been agreed that Peter should be the trustee who will liaise with Rhyddian. It would be helpful if Rhyddian kept a time sheet, (to help with communication), and that publishing where he will be by email on a weekly basis to the trustees would help to allow flexibility and more trustee involvement. **(Action Peter & Rhyddian)**

CPD

There was some discussion about how much Ranger development and training the Trust could provide during work time and / pay for: this is to be clarified. **(Action Katharine and Robin to check with NGO practice)**

2. Plans for Fallen Trees

It was agreed that chainsaws are not to be allowed, unless the user is fully certified. It was also noted that the Glenan Community Woodland are responsible and not the Forest Ranger, should there be an accident. Hand saws can be used.

3. Interest Groups

There was discussion about working with the distillers, and it was noted that the individual with a criminal background was not a director, although he had a 23% share in the parent company. Also that he has served his prison sentence. It was agreed that this should not prevent us from accepting financial help with a drone survey, a water supply and composting toilet. **(Action Rhyddian?)**

4. Map

It was agreed that there should be a map at the car park, and a couple more further in the wood. Robin to organise this: (eventually a 3D map may be created, but the priority is to get one soon, and it was felt that Rhyddian had enough on his plate!) **(Action Robin)**

5. Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 14th May @ 12.30 at Keeper's Cottage