



Cormonachan Woodlands

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Minutes

A Board Meeting was held on 10th September 2021
At 10.30 am The Boat House, Loch Goil Cruisers,
Lochgoilhead, Argyll, PA24 8AE

- 1) Welcome to our Board Members & any apologies.
Attendees: Douglas Locke (DL); Don Kamsley (DK), Richard Hall (RH) & Frances Walker (FW).
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on 13th August 2021.
The minutes were approved by RH, seconded by FW signed by DL.
- 3) Chairs Report:
 - a) DK announced that Alastair Moodie had decided to retire as Chair and submit his resignation to the Board of Directors. The Board has accepted AM's decision and thanks Alastair for the excellent work he had performed, especially in the creation of the CCW business plan and with CCW Ltd, achieving charitable status. The board wishes Alistair well for all his future ventures.
 - b) Post discussion with the board and given the criticality of completing the NHLF application for the proposed new Upper Cormonachan Heritage Paths Project, DK accepted taking over the role of Chair temporarily, until a new successor as Chair could be found.
 - c) DL agreed to start immediately completing the on-line National Lottery Heritage Fund application. DK agreed

to assist in completing the submission with both RH and FW agreeing to assist with providing feedback during the relevant documents creation.

- d) DK stated that all non critical board work should be put on the back burner until the NHLF application had been completed. The board concurred with this point.

4) **Treasurers Report:**

- a) The current bank balance is £14,215.26 with £41.10 held in cash. The unrestricted and usable balance is £756.36.

5) **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary's Report including an update on donations received to date for the "Cormonachan Community Woodlands Heritage Paths Project Fund" is £17,500; donations received in the Red Squirrel Hide is £70.37 in hand to 6/9/21; donations received in the Donations Post is £189.95 to 6/9/21; Argyll Community Lottery balance to be paid is £20.00; Smile at Amazon balance did not reach £5.00 so will be reported at the next quarter and from 'easyfundraising' is £178.10 to 31/8/21 and the 'People Counter' August visitors numbers were 1,179 (38 pd). Website and Facebook updated as usual. Update of BBC Scotland's woodlands television programme being filming 13th to 16th September 2021 is going ahead as planned. Reminder by signs will be put up that the CCW will be closed to visitors between 13th & 16th September 2021 for filming with notices on website and Facebook. An update on LL&TTNPA grant application made to clear the remainder of the *Rhododendron ponticum* in the woodlands has been successful with £11,160.00 grant being offered. Tom Ducat's tender has been accepted. Update on application made to Co-op Local Community Fund for funding from October 2021 to October 2022 for brown tourist road signs for two car parks and another Donations Post for the Cormonachan Falls area has not yet been decided. Update on National Park's planning approval of conditions has no further updates. The grant application to the Scottish Government's grant (SRDP -AECS -IPA) that was submitted by the

Secretary on 28th June 2021 is well under way and we are now awaiting the site visit on 22/09/2021. Update on MoU between CCW & Ardroy. The Board have approved the MoU and are awaiting Ardroy's Board approval.

Information on the Cormonachan Woodlands Art Trail from 2nd to 30th October 2021 through Argyll Arts Collective - Five artists will have their artworks around the woodlands with the BBC woodlands programme's musical works and large sculpture on display permanently.

Information about Raleigh International and COP26 is currently that the Amazonian Delegates wish to visit CCW Rain Forest and further information will be provided about the dates of 6th/7th November and use of the village hall where local residents would be able to meet these delegates.

Results of attendance with a stand at the Loch Goil Past & Present History Exhibition 4th & 5th September 2021; the CCW had a stand at the exhibition which was a successful event to have attended. Three new members joined CCW there. The donations boxes also raised money, the amounts to be advised.

Suggestion for having a 'Photo Competition' in Cormonachan Woodlands during the Art Trail was liked but postponed to next year due to so much work going on at the present time. DL said that he had run a national photo competition in the past and would be willing to organise one in the future.

Update on agreement to apply for a grant for another 'People Counter' for the Clach Bhadach entrance to the woodlands is awaiting the grant to open when it will be applied for.

Information requested about the costs for a potential application for a grant for a Quad Bike with Mower/Flailer and storage shed from July meeting; DL had obtained some quotations but this was to be held over until the next meeting.

Report provided by the Membership Secretary on current membership to date was given as 102 members.

Approval of any new member applications.

Three new members were approved - Sarah Ross Thompson, Sue Prescott & Joe Kelly.

6) **Volunteers Leader Report:**

- a) FW advised that no volunteers had come forward for the August 27th Volunteer's Day so the event was cancelled. However, four strimming volunteers said they would trim the paths on 10th September.
- b) The next Volunteers Days of 24th & 25th September had no pre-booked volunteers and so the dates would be altered to Monday 27th September.

7) **Any other business:**

- a) **Date of next committee meeting?**
To be arranged towards the end of October.