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Minutes

A Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, 7th May 2015 at 5.00 pm at Donich Lodge, Lochgoilhead, Argyll, PA24 8AL

- 1) Liz Evans welcomed the committee members, Marion McCune, Douglas Locke, Jimmy Sim & Rowan Fraser. Thanks were given to Marion for hosting the meeting.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on 1st April 2015 were approved and proposed by Jimmy Sim & seconded by Rowan Fraser and signed.
- 3) Report on the Open Day on 24th April 2015 was given by Liz Evans. Thanks were given again to the committee members for their help. Being a Friday, the numbers visiting the woodlands were not as high as a weekend day would have been because of people working, however, as we were only able to have two Ardroy instructors, the Ardroy minibuses and the Primary School on a Friday, there was little choice other than to have it that day of the week. Twenty five adults and children were in attendance and those adults that came completed the consultation form. The Wee Goil followed up the Open Day story in their May edition with a photo on the cover and article on page 3. On 29th April, the BBC Radio Scotland programme Out of Doors recorded at the woodlands interviews with Liz Evans, Marion McCune and two of the primary school children afterwards at the school. The programme can be listened to on BBC iPlayer for 30 days and can also be listened to on our Cormonachan Facebook. The Latest News page on our website also has a report on the Open Day and the consultation survey can be downloaded there too.

LE to chase G Bruce re Forest Schools that RF would like to be involved with on a Monday. M M to put recording on site permanently. Further consultation forms to be given out by the committee for return to the Secretary.

- 4) Report on the opening of a bank account for CWA.
Rowan advised that the bank account had been approved by the Cooperative Bank and she was now awaiting details and receipt of the account number, cheque book, pay in book and cards.
- 5) Secretary's report including update on the website.
Douglas reported that he was keeping the website up to date. David Robertson of FCS has been chased with regard to the lease for the Cormonachan Woodlands; a joint lease with AOEC Trust Ltd. had been requested on 15th April 2015 with CWA to manage the woodlands. Lochgoil Community Trust Ltd. had decided at their last meeting on 1st April 2015 not to be a party to this new lease. The previous lease Ardroy had been between FCS, Fife Council on behalf of Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre & Lochgoil Community Trust Ltd.
- 6) The results of the Consultation Survey were given and a full breakdown had been e-mailed to the committee. To the date of the meeting 20 interested people had indicated their willingness to become members, either to support the project or 50% who would support and volunteer in the woodlands two or three times a year. The proposed car park was considered a necessity. The vast majority were willing to pay a subscription of £10.00 pa per individual to help cover the basic costs of running the association. These costs would not be less than £250.00 pa for public liability insurance, website hosting, domain name renewal and basic stationery costs. The association would need at least 25 members to cover these basic costs at £10.00 per member. A quarterly Newsletter would be sent out to members.
- 7) Membership Application Form was then discussed. Douglas had prepared a draft of the form which had been sent out to the committee prior to the meeting. It was decided that for the first year that the membership fee for individual adult members who had a primary or secondary residence in Lochgoilhead or Carrick Castle would be £10.00 pa. Those members would be full members with a vote and would be eligible to become an officer of the association. Children up to the age of 16 would have free membership but would not be eligible to either vote or be elected on to the committee. At the age of 16 to 21 young adults would be able to obtain full membership however at a reduced subscription of £5.00 pa. People who do not have primary or secondary residences in the Loch Goil area could apply for Associate Membership at £5.00 pa per individual but with no vote or eligibility to become an officer of the association. Corporate membership would be available at a subscription of £50.00 pa. Only businesses in Loch Goil would be eligible to have one vote and have a staff member eligible of election to the committee.
D L to revise the Membership Application Form.
- 8) Plans are to be made for funding work in Cormonachan Woodlands and applications will be made, where appropriate to some of the following funding partners once the FCS Lease has been obtained: -
Community Fund (start up, courses & car park); Seedcorn

Fund (equipment); Scottish Rural Development Programme; ACT and FOLLAT (Friends of Loch Lomond & Trossachs).
M M to follow up courses on Wildlife Photography & Mammal Society; R F to prepare list of equipment needed for volunteers to be able to use; J S to check on enTrust funding; D L to check on ACT funding and L E to check on Community Fund.

- 9) Public Liability Insurance. Douglas has obtained a quotation of £111.00 pa for this insurance from the Highland Council that offered not-for-profit organisations in Scotland P L insurance through Zurich Insurance. The insurance covers, visitors, volunteers, members and committee. Ardroy would still cover insurance for Jan's Hideaway.
- 10) Car park development. The Lochgoil Community Trust has lost the lease paperwork for the proposed car park and has requested Drimsynie for a copy. Jimmy said that when he was involved in the Trust he gave them everything he had.
J S will follow this up with the Trust and Drimsynie.
- 11) Other business – It was decided to have a stand at the Lochgoilhead Gala Day on 1st August 2015 at a cost of £10.00. Douglas & Liz would loan the boat club's gazebo (3 m x 3 m) to the CWA. A 3 m 'Cormonachan Woodlands Association' sign would need to be purchased. Douglas will be attending ACT AGM at Portavadie on 15th May 2015.
M M & J S who are on the Gala committee will keep the committee advised of progress and suggest having another committee meeting at the beginning of June to make all the arrangements.

The meeting closed at 18.20 hrs.