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Minutes

A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th May 2019
at 6.30 pm at Lochgoilhead Village Hall Library

1) Welcome & Apologies.

The Chair (DK) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The committee members in attendance were Don Kamsley (DK), Douglas Locke (DL), Cecilia Ferguson (CF), Jimmy Sim (JS), Frances Walker (FW), David Thorpe (DT) and guest member Dennis Bolt (DB).

2) Approval of the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2019.

The Minutes of the last meeting on 23rd April 2019 were approved - proposed by JS & seconded by FW and signed by DK.

3) Chairman's Report on procedures for the following AGM at 7 pm.

DK said that he wanted to bring up before the AGM that followed at 7 pm, that we needed to be able to reduce the work of DL's Secretarial work and that the proposal was to have two new positions - Membership Secretary that Dennis Bolt was willing to fill and Volunteers Leader. He explained the job descriptions briefly and this would be brought up at the AGM. He said that DL and he had agreed the reports that the Chair and Secretary would give at the AGM.

- 4) Treasurer's Report on bank account position and final accounts to be presented to the AGM with supplementary information to the formal accounts for 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019.

JS advised the bank balance was currently £3,025.85 and that the accounts had been agreed and were ready to present to the AGM.

- 5) Secretary's report including update on membership, donations received to date for the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund' and donations received in the Red Squirrel Hide.

DL said the CWA now had 102 members, the UCPP Fund had reached £3,653.35, the Red Squirrel Hide's donation box now totalled £179.30 and that a grant application had been submitted to the National Park Grant Scheme for £5,425.20, the cost of the Archaeology Survey (£4,165.20) and Interpretation panel & lectern (£1,260.00) for the old village as will be required by WoSAS and LL&TNPA.

- 6) Ardroy Report on use of Cormonachan Woodlands for the year ahead and tasks for 2019/2020.

DT said he would give a short Ardroy update at the AGM.

- 7) Short Report of Volunteers Day of 26th to 28th April and 17th & 18th May 2019

DL reported that two of these dates had to be cancelled due to no volunteers coming forward. 15 NPA Young volunteers & their leaders cleared roadside Rhododendron, 3 CWA volunteers cleared felled trees from in front of the Contemplation Shelter and 'Little People' sculptures were made for the LGH primary school to paint.

- 8) Next Volunteers Days for Pesticide Spraying to be agreed with two weeks notice to be given to Forestry & Land Scotland.

DL said that he and DK would organise dates dependant on the long range weather forecast giving a week in which to do the spraying of the Rhododendron re-growth and put all sprayers on the list.

- 9) First Aid Training - An Update.

Funding has been applied for (2 x £450.00) - one 2 day course as soon as possible in June and another in December 2019. We have 5 places booked and need one more to run the training course.

10) Update on the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project' and Planning Application.

DL advised that there was now only one item outstanding, to provide the Construction Method Statement required for section E to G of the path by McGowans which he has been chasing for over a month now. As soon as this has been submitted the planning officer will ask for a decision to be made.

11) Any other business & date for next committee meeting?

The date for the next meeting will be decided once we have the planning permission decision from the National Park.

(The meeting closed at 18.55 hrs)