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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

### **Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 41**

The Latest News - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news.html> and Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan> are updated regularly so in between Members Updates please look at these for news.

**On 1st April 2020, Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd, a limited company by guarantee, has taken over the Cormonachan Woodlands Association and its assets and all past members are invited to join the new organisation.**

Our Membership Secretary, Dennis Bolt, has sent out by e-mail on 1st April 2020 the invitation to all past members of the Association to join the new organisation. If you have not received that e-mail please let Dennis know by e-mailing him at [Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](mailto:Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk).

A special general meeting of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Lochgoilhead Village Hall, the outcome of which was to change the status of the Association from being an unincorporated not-for-profit organisation to becoming an incorporated not-for-profit limited company by guarantee and not having a share capital under The Companies Act 2006.

Click on this link to view the Minutes of the Meeting that were sent out after the meeting to all CWA members:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CWA-SGM-Minutes-09032020.pdf>

As a result, all members including life members must sign a new Membership Form and a Subscribers Memorandum to become members of the new organisation. As a life member you do not, of course, have to make any further payment.

As a member or member of a limited company, this gives you a liability of £1 in the event of the company going into liquidation. All members must be over 16 years old so free child membership will no longer be available.

The Constitution we are currently using will be in existence until the new one is revised for agreement at an EGM. Basically, the alterations will be adding the membership categories into the constitution and the organisation will be run by a Board of Directors instead of the Committee as previously. The last committee will be the initial board with the Secretary and Treasurer having set up the new company. (See current CWA Constitution <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CORMONACHAN-WOODLANDS-ASSOCIATION-CONSTITUTION-2019.pdf>).

The name of the Association is changed to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd. and the first year will run from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. The accounts for the Association will be published as soon as practical. We will be following Government advice with regard to the alternative ways of being able to hold an EGM/AGM during the Corona Virus Pandemic, if suggestions are to be offered.

If you do not have access to a printer or scanner, please e-mail Dennis and he will post out hard copies of the two documents to be signed.

CCW Membership Application Form - (Each individual must sign a form): - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW-Membership-Form-1.pdf> (Please tick membership category & boxes as appropriate above signature).

CCW Membership Subscriber Form (All members of a household can sign a single form, everyone must sign this form as it's a legal requirement): - [http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW\\_sign\\_memorandum\\_for\\_a\\_company\\_without\\_a\\_share\\_capital-1.pdf](http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW_sign_memorandum_for_a_company_without_a_share_capital-1.pdf) **PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH THESE FORMS MUST BE SIGNED.**

Members' subscriptions are the only income we have to pay for the day to day running. Almost all the work is carried out by volunteers however we have to pay for materials, insurance, equipment, maintenance, etc.

Thank you for supporting the Cormonachan Community Woodlands, particularly during these difficult days. We all look forward to summer finally arriving, both meteorological and metaphorical when we can take full advantage of the woodlands again.

Take Care and STAY SAFE.

Membership Secretary - [Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](mailto:Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk)

## **"Upper Cormonachan Paths Project" Update**

The "Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund" has now reached **£14,081** as at 3rd April 2020. As we are now having to find 5% of the full funding required for the construction costs of £323,484, that is **£16,175** so we now need to find an extra **£2,094** to meet the local donations required for the project funding. The project is currently on hold due to the Corona Virus Pandemic as we cannot physically hold any group volunteers days in the near future and the funders have put a hold on funding at the present time.

This total has been increased by the '**Adopt a Tree**' funding, raising funds for the new paths construction. 55 trees have now been adopted of the 105 trees that were planted on Friday 22nd November Volunteers Day last year. If anyone else would like to adopt a tree or a grove, they are £5 per tree or £40 for a grove of 10 trees. Plaques or tags will be available a small cost later on. We have been approved for a further 105 trees to plant in the woodlands for November 2020 from the Woodland Trust Fund for communities.

The only other progress recently is that the 92 trees have now been felled along the new paths route and at the Settlement. The archaeological survey has also been completed and we are now awaiting the final report.

If you follow Facebook/Cormonachan you will see the Settlement and paths route photos showing the trees that have been felled. We are very grateful to Forestry and Land Scotland for having these trees felled over three days and for paying for the work. They will be cutting up the three metre lengths in the months ahead, to be stacked into man-handle-able sizes for stacking at the sides of the paths route. One day, when we have our lease for the woodlands, we may have logs for sale.

### **Next Volunteers Days**

All programmed future Volunteers Days have had to be cancelled or postponed for the time being due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We will advise our volunteers when we can recommence the volunteering again.

Check out our 'Volunteering' page on our website:-  
<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/volunteering/> for more information.

### **Coop Local Community Fund**

This fund since the end of October 2019 and until 24th October 2020 has now raised **£787.29 to 3rd April 2020**. The Coop donate 1% of

purchases made from any Coop products UK wide, providing the Cormonachan Community Woodlands has been chosen by a Coop member. If you are not a member, it costs £1 to join and you can join here - <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.

Visit our Coop cause page at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/36994>

Our target had been £256 for the initial signage however we should be able to purchase more signs for the new paths as a result.

### **Red Squirrel Hide Update**

The hide is **closed** during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Thanks to our member, Frances Walker, she is still feeding the red squirrels when she takes her dog for its walk. We still have £89.36 in hand for more nuts and 12.5 kg of nuts in stock.

### **Latest News**

Please keep up to date by regularly looking at our Latest News page: - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news/> and by following our Facebook page too at <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan>.



### **Tail Piece...**

Forestry and Land Scotland and the Board of the Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd have agreed that Cormonachan Community Woodlands paths will remain open to local walkers subject to strict observance of the Government's 2 metre minimum social distancing requirements. Remember, only one visit a day, with or without a dog(s). There are signs erected around the paths. You may not touch or use the red squirrel hide or the shed. You must not touch any of the sculptures or games. The ancient Atlantic oak and hazel woodlands will remain open during the Covid-19 Pandemic providing these requirements are observed. Please respect our "Leave No Trace" policy and keep a safe distance away from other walkers - Thank you.

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