



Cormonachan Woodlands

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Subject: Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No: 12

To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

1) Welcome to our new Members and all the Members who have renewed their membership for 2016/2017 since our last Members Update.

2) We now have 36 Full Members, 4 Associate Members, 1 Young Person Member, 3 Child Members (free) and 1 Corporate Member; a total of 45 members at the date of this update.

3) The Car Park Plans that were lodged with the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Planning Authority in May 2016 are now awaiting the planning permission decision due within the next couple of weeks. There were wildlife issues that had to be cleared up concerning badgers and otters that have now been addressed as over the last 30 years there has been no evidence of these animals having ever been on the proposed car park site.

4) The "Car Park Fund" is looking for funding and donations with a target of £4,000 to pay for the car park work to be done. So far we have £1,095.35 in the fund from members' donations, a £500 grant from Friends of Loch Lomond and Treasure Hunt competition/sales/donations at the Cormonachan Woodlands Association's stands at our Open Day on 12th June and at the Gala Day on 30th July. Although we are just over a quarter of the way with funding we have a long way to go to reach the target so if you can offer any size of donation it would be more than welcome. We have and are applying to organisations for funding, one hopes to help us with an unknown amount and another we have yet to hear back from. All funding organisations want to see member input if at all possible. We will be applying to other funders over the next few weeks in the hopes of raising the necessary money to have the work done later

this year or by early next year. There is a "Donate" button using PayPal on the Latest News page if you or anyone else you know may be able to help us fund the car park extension.

5) The Open Day on Sunday 12th June 2016 followed by the AGM went off well considering the midgy weather conditions. The AGM Minutes have already been published and are available on the association's website.

6) Loch Goil Gala Day was very successful having good weather and no midgies. The 6m x 3m marquee was a good size to show off information about Cormonachan Woodlands, run the Treasure Hunt competition and sell various items donated by Ardroy. We were grateful for all donations.

7) Forestry Commission Scotland's Memorandum of Understanding has yet to be signed by the Cormonachan Woodlands Association and AOEC Trust Ltd. for formal use of the woodlands. We have been chasing the Commission for a very long time now and thought it was about to be signed on 1st August 2016 but the Commission have advised us that they still have a few issues to clear up, maybe not for us but for other organisations as this document is to become the base agreement for all future applications of woodlands management with communities.

8) There have been a few committee changes over the last month with Rowan Fraser, our Treasurer resigning. The post has been taken over by Jimmy Sim and Donald Kamsley has been co-opted on to the committee. The committee were grateful to Rowan for all her work during her period of serving on the committee over the last year.

9) The next Volunteers Day will be on Saturday 24th September 2016 from 10am to 1 pm. There will be further volunteers days in October and November with dates to be announced later on.

10) Do follow us on Facebook as news is posted regularly there. A further Members Update will follow as soon as we receive the planning permission for the extended car park. See also our website Latest News page:-
<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news.html>

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