

Minutes

Laide and Aultbea Community Woodland – Directors Meeting

Meeting held in the Aultbea Hall on Thursday 26th November 2015 commencing 7.30pm

Present: John Rippin, Peter Jarosz, Tony Carpenter, Alan Turnbull, Aidan Bell

Apologies: Jan Barclay, Kevin Ginty, Nick Murray

Approval of the last minutes

The minutes were approved. Proposed: Alan Turnbull, Seconded: Tony Carpenter

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's report

Peter reported nothing new financially since the last meeting. He also advised us about the cost of two new cross cut saw certificates attained by members.

Last year's accounts have been completed and delivered to our accountants on time.

Firewood Sale

To take place on Saturday 28th November, and if weather permits also Willow and Green wood demonstrations.

John thanked Aidan for the supply of the Log Splitter from NTS.

It was agreed to offer several prices for loads From £10/15/20/30.

The meeting noted the comments made on the Gairloch Forum web site about competition relating to the log sales.

Training Courses

Two members attended and achieved qualification in the cross cut saw certificate course held near Ullapool.

It was proposed that we pursue the possibility of a further one and a half day course to achieve the full ticket for three candidates.

Also an ATV course in order to expand the number of volunteers who can operate both Chain saw and ATV.

Winter Meetings

Nick Murray has asked if it might be possible to hold these by Skype for anyone having difficulty attending. After discussion it was agreed that we might try this out.

Dog Pooh

Fluorescent markers have been introduced to highlight offences, and this has caused some debate which is helpful. It was agreed to alternate the colour weekly to show new events up.

It was also agreed to produce notices by the pooh bag dispenser asking for a contribution to the cost.

Working parties

We have had three new volunteers in the last few weeks.

It was agreed that the volunteers for the Saturday sale would be able to have logs from what was left on Tuesday.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will take place at the Shelling on Saturday December 5th at 7pm for 7.30.

Any other business

Aidan explained the measuring of the blue and red trails for SRDP funding. A total length of 2,628 mtrs. For every 200 mtrs we can apply for £100 once per year for 5 years.

Aidan asked for some further information in order to complete the grant application including visitor numbers, as Andrew had already listed this it was agreed to stay with his figures.

Aidan said that they also required a list of previous grants, which Peter supplied.

There followed a discussion about Path, Bridge and Tree inspection which was also required for the grant application.

John explained that his was done every Tuesday and it was agreed that it would be recorded from now on formally, and the annual inspection would from now on be carried out by Aidan who is qualified to do this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 28th Aultbea Hall, from 7.30pm.