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| Minute of Meeting of Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust Board Monday 23rd June 2014; 16.30; Colintraive Hall. |
| **Present:** | Charles Dixon-Spain (CDS); Sandra Wilson (SW); Jim McLuckie (JMcL); Bill Carlow (BC ); Colin Boyd (CB) |
| **Apologies:** | Alex McNaughton (AMcN)  |
| **In attendance:** | Sara Maclean (SMcL); Eamon King (EK) |
| **Previous minute:** | The adoption of the draft minute of the meeting held on the 25th May 2014 was proposed by JMcL and seconded by BC. |  |
| **Stronafian:** | EK had circulated an electronic report prior to the meeting ; the following was discussed:* The board supported EK’s recommendation that a single planning application should be submitted for forest access.
* JMcL and EK to meet with landowner affected by the Auchategan access to present drawings of proposed fencing and parking.
* JMcL reported that the landowner affected by the access issues relating to the proposed community wind turbine had informed him that access arrangements appeared to exist but that if this was required in writing from a solicitor, the cost must be met by CGDT. It was agreed that this could be met under the CARES scheme.
* EK had proposed a site for a car park and facilities some distance into the forest at the Stronafian access. BC said that the retention of a locked gate was preferred by the hydro company. The padlock had been removed and it was not known by whom. A meeting would be arranged with all interested parties to discuss this issue. BC also drew attention to the quarry issue at the proposed site of the car park. This would be investigated.
* EK enquired about budget access procedures and was advised that the line-manager would authorise all regular spending.
* EK had suggested that a site accessed at the Stronafian side was preferable for crafting (although not achievable in the short term due to absence from the local plan), and also suitable for hutting. SW was concerned that developing hutting within the forest would result in displacement from existing holiday and weekend accommodation providers. This was discussed.
* The board supported EK’s suggestion that the forest project’s research budget could be used to fund a hydronfeasibility study.
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| **Greener Colglen:** | SMcL had circulated an electronic report prior to the meeting; the following was discussed: * Newsletters had been delivered to all areas except that between Stronafian and Loch Striven. BC agreed to deliver these.
* The recruitment options presented by SMcL and her recommendation supported. The posts would be advertised in the current week, with a closing date the following week and interviews the next or as soon as possible. The opening event for the polytunnels was scheduled for the 16th August 2014; speedy recruitment and deployment was therefore crucial.
* A second ponticum meeting was required; SMcL to e-mail date.
* Extension of the CCF projects to be discussed at the next meeting.

SMcL and EK depart at 18.10. | BCSMcL |
| **Accounts:** | Electronic payments were authorised by CDS and CB. |  |
| **Administrative Support** : | MS had circulated a report of her work since the last meeting by e-mail. The following was discussed:* A decision needed to be made regarding de minimis/state aid challenge/hotel. It was decided that the application should proceed whilst advice was being pursued. The vendors would be advised of a likely end date.
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| **AOB** | * CDS had attended a renewables community benefit seminar and as a result wished the board to support a request to the WFT to discuss the future. This was agreed.
* CDS and BC would attend a meeting to discuss a WF proposal for Achanelid.
* CB enquired about the contracts for MS and EK; these were in progress.
* CB enquired whether the AGM notifications were in progress; MS had this in hand. CDS said he would ask MS to keep us informed of any nominations.
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| **Future Meetings:** | Next two meetings arranged as follows:Monday 14th July 2014 at 16.30 in Colintraive HallSunday 17th August 2014 at 14.30 in Glendaruel HallAGM:Sunday 20th July 2014 at 14.00 in Colintraive HallThe meeting ended at 18.45 |  |
| **ADOPTION:** | **Proposed:**                            |
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|  | **Chairman:**   |
|  | **DATE:** |