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| Minute of Meeting of Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust Board  Sunday 17th August 2014; 14.30; Glendaruel Hall. | | |
| **Present:** | Charles Dixon-Spain (CDS); Sandra Wilson (SW); Jim McLuckie (JMcL); Colin Boyd (CB) | |
| **Apologies:** | Alex McNaughton (AMcN); John Shiveral (JS) | |
| **In attendance:** | Sara Maclean (SMcL); Eamon King (EK); Liz Gorman (LG) | |
| **Previous minute:** | The adoption of the draft minute of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2014 was proposed by BC (by e-mail), and seconded by JMcL. |  |
| **Matters arising:** | CDS reported that:   * Cathleen Russell would consult with the CC A regarding the WFT suggestions submitted by CDS. * Contracts had been completed. * As a result of matters raised during the AGM, EK had already met with A. Craig and would meet with M. Greig. |  |
| **Greener Colglen:** | SMcL had distributed a monthly report by e-mail and reported:   * There had been a good uptake of beds within the polytunnels. * The opening event had been held on Saturday 16th August and had been a success despite the weather. The group delivering the workshops had provided very positive feedback about the project. * The temporary site workers (Stuart Greenway, Andrew MacVicar and Patrick McKenzie), had proven to be excellent workers and completed the site development to a high standard and in good time. * LG had commenced her employment on the project and was settling in well. * A meeting of the Rhododendron eradication focus group had been held and it was decided that herbicide training for community volunteers would be arranged. JMcL questioned whether the provision of training for community volunteers had implications for competition with local contractors. A further meeting would be held with Neil Donaldson to determine a suitable site and programme for a demonstration event which would trial three methods of eradication: lever and mulch; stem injection with glyphosate; cut and chip. * One of the three required Green Deal submissions had been completed and the remaining two were achievable now that the polytunnel work had ended.   SMcL and LG departed at 15.15. | SMcL/LG/EK/SW/AMcN |
| **Stronafian:** | EK had submitted a written report to the board prior to the meeting; the following was discussed:   * Planning and legal issues; there was a requirement to conclude issues with relevant landowners (access), tenant (renewable clawback, area required for wetland ecosystem and retained area compensation). * A meeting had been held with the Paths for All; EK will attend their October course. The recommendation is that we should work with the existing hill paths rather than investing in expensive paths. * EK and BC would attend a hydro meeting with the FC in October. Planning permission for the wind meteorological mast had been granted. The first data would be generated in three months. Grid connection costs were much greater than estimated. * There was a requirement for croft criteria for potential tenants to be established. * EK would attend the CWA conference in August and would offer event attendance to Forest Group members.   EK departed at 16.15. |  |
| **Finance:** | None |  |
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| **Cowal Way:** | JMcL reported that MS had been very busy with the second stage application to the Coastal Communities Fund and that he had been working on contacting landowners for letters of support. However, MS had now been advised by CCF that a legal agreement was required; the funders could supply a template to be completed by the seven private landowners plus FC and A&BC. Deadline for application was the end of September. |  |
| **AOB** | * CDS reported that the induction procedures for new staff had been completed and that Colintraive Footpath Bridge plus investment of current funds to be raised with MS * CDS asked the board to consider if we should pursue the potential HIE funded post at this stage, given that we were managing at the moment and that it would require matching funds. The longer term requirements for a manager were discussed. CDS would consult with the two board members absent from the meeting and with HIE. | CDS  CDS |
| **Future Meetings:** | Next meetings were arranged as follows (subject to hall availability):  Sunday 21st September 2014 at 14.30 in Colintraive Hall  Sunday 19th October 2014 at 14.30 in Glendaruel Hall  Sunday 16th November 2014 at 14.30 in Colintraive Hall  The meeting ended at 18.30 |  |
| **ADOPTION:** | **Proposed:** | |
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|  | **Chairman:** | |
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