



Agenda Item	Minute of Meeting 7.30pm 21 February 2024 Zoom	Actions
Welcome		
Apologies		
Present	Cathleen Russell, Kirsty McLuckie, Sara Maclean, Chris Leigh, John McNaughton, Fiona Hamilton	
Declaration of Interests		
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minute of previous meeting Proposed: KM Seconded: SM	
Matters Arising		
Governance	<p>1. Election of office bearers. Chair: Cathleen Russell Proposed: FH Seconded: JM Treasurer: Chris Leigh Proposed: CR Seconded: JM Vice Chair: Sara Maclean Proposed: JM Seconded: CR. Minutes Secretary: Fiona Hamilton Proposed: CR Seconded: KM</p> <p>2. Designated Trustees LLCW: KM Stronafian: CL Environmental Land Use: JM Planting: SM</p> <p>2. Dates of future meetings. Aiming for 4th Wed of the month 27th March 24th April 29th May 26th June 28th August 25th September 30th October 27th November</p> <p>3. Zero tolerance of Bullying and Harassment Policy - in response to ongoing concerns for staff health and wellbeing after several incidents, discussion was had about implementing the policy.</p>	<p>board@cgd.org Email to be created asap. CR to contact C Dixon-Spain</p>

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Admin Report including Financial Report	No report available due to illness. £23,046.36 is in the account at the moment.	

Project Updates

Charlie Collins: Weather has delayed erection of deer fencing but should be completed by end of the week. Land beside the polytunnel will be cleared to extend planting area. All has come in within budget and below tender prices received.

Paths between Chambered Cairn & Stronafian is being tackled next.

Douglas Wilson: (by email) Polytunnel still has strawberry plants, potatoes will be planted and SM will advise on planting for other bed.

JM can provide topsoil for outdoor area.

Trees for orchard. CR will ask John Hancock for advice and put a call out on FB for people to sponsor a tree.

Iain Waugh: Community Shared Ownership, Secret Coast Energy paper sent in advance. Options when Cruach Mhor is 'repowered' are to approach Scottish Power Renewables who are obliged to consider community ownership. This would require significant investment. Local Energy Scotland can support that negotiation. SPR may prefer Community Benefit option. A good community action plan is required. It was agreed that CGDT will share Iain Waugh's papers with CMWT and Community Council with the intention to renegotiate with SPR and explore Community Shared Ownership. IW agreed to take this forward as an employee of the Trust. Secret Coast Energy: Energy Local project (needs smart meter connectivity) looks at using local sources of generation as a provider for local properties. It was agreed to pursue this further.

Ros McGhee: Properties that are currently getting water charge paid are concerned that this will cease when wind farm is decommissioned and re-powered.

Report was submitted in advance. Home visits still happening but at a slower pace. Engagement greater in Glendaruel than Colintrave. Argyll & Bute 'Care and Repair' has been shared on Facebook for people struggling to get any one to take on small jobs. Access to smart meters inequity in rural areas is being investigated. Surveys for collective purchase of solar pvs have been taking place. Funding is being sought for EV charging point and a new quote has been received. Iain & Ros's contracts have been extended for 6 months. Warm Home Scotland referrals are being chased up.

General Manager issues to be discussed.

Housing survey - J Forbes will meet with the Board to discuss Housing Survey via Zoom on 28th Feb via zoom Remaining vending machines need to be delivered. To be stored in Glendaruel Village Hall. FH will contact local MSP to ask for help in finding out costs of getting electricity supply to Kilmodan Acre in order to be able to apply for funding for vending units.

Warm Hub. Colintrave Hall's kitchen is not available due to problems with equipment. The remaining hubs will be held in Glendaruel Hall.

SM liaise with DW re planting
JM liaise with DW re topsoil
CR ask AL to draft a sponsorship form.

IW to progress

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AOCB	<p>Funding has been received from CMWFT for the Forest Family carvings in Stronafian Forest. CL will work with school to create identities and stories.</p> <p>ACT is heading up Climate Action Network Hub. Local Cowal & Bute Team is looking for organisations to join. It was agreed to join.</p> <p>LLCW guide book reprint is due end March. Trust will receive copies to sell for Trust funds in return for KM having written the updates. Discussion about where to sell and how to promote.</p>	KM to contact Cowal Fest organisers.
DONM		