

Annual General Meeting of Culag Community Woodland Trust Ltd

Location: Assynt Visitor Centre

Date 6th June 2016 7.30pm

Present:

Directors & Treasurer: Anna Mackay (Chairperson), Jimmy Crooks, Jorine van Delft, Chris Goodman, Mel Chapman, Gwen Richards (Company Secretary), Ian Mackenzie (Treasurer), Charlie Russell, George Farlow.

Project Officer: Fiona Saywell.

Members and Others: Ken Hamilton, Don O'Driscoll, Julian Jacobson, Rosemary & Richard Baines, Jane Young, Stuart Hill, Boyd Alexander.

1. **Apologies:** Andy Summers, Gordon & Lesley Sleight, Mandy Haggith, Claire Belshaw, Richard Williams, Ken Maclennan, Morag Mackenzie.

2. **Minutes of AGM 2015:** Proposed by Mel Chapman, seconded by Jimmy Crooks.

3. **Matters arising:**

Sponsorship of benches: Going well, still some available in Culag Woods and the shelters at Little Assynt too.

Wood miser sawmill: Ken Maclennan has worked on the sawmill and it is now up and running and ready to use. Directors to provide rules of use for the saw. Ken will continue to make improvements to the saw and shed. Many thanks to Ken and Rob for their work.

4. **Chairperson's report:** Anna presented the Chairperson's report. Taken as read. A copy of the Chairperson's report will be posted on the CCWT website and circulated to members.

Additional points: George Farlow to write to NHS Chair highlighting the position of problem with ticks.

Thank you to all volunteers.

5. **Finance report:** Ian handed out copies of the Treasurer's Notes to CCWT Financial Statements for year ended 31st March 2016. Full copies of the financial statements were available at the meeting and will be posted on the CCWT website.

CCWT's main source of income this year came from the winding up of Culag Enterprises which produced a one off payment of £3,809. Despite this CCWT funds decreased from £11,382 in 2015 to £10,238 this year. Other sources of income were from office rental to the CALL Partnership, gift aid, fishing permits and sundry sales. The last path maintenance grant from SRDP was received. The watchword for community organisations in current times is sustainability and CCWT faces future significant challenges in this regard.

Accounts proposed by Stuart Hill, seconded by Gwen Richards.

Thanks to Rosemary Baines for keeping the petty cash records.

6. **Appointment of Accountants:** Ken Hamilton was appointed as CCWT Accountant and Independent Examiner for the year 2016-17. Letter to be sent to Frame Kennedy thanking them for their services.

7. **Project Officers' Reports:** Taken as read, handed out at meeting and to be circulated to members.

8. **Election of Directors:** : Anna Mackay, Jorine van Delft and Chris Goodman are the directors retiring by rotation, but eligible for re-election, Anna was proposed by Jorine, seconded by Gwen. Jorine was proposed by Chris, seconded by Anna. Chris was proposed by Charlie, seconded by Stuart. All were duly re-elected. There is also one other vacancy on the Board. No one has come forward for election. An invitation was made to anyone who maybe interested in becoming a Director to come along to any subsequent Directors meetings or contact the CCWT office.

9. **Any Other Business:**

Culag Woods Warden: Thank you to Ken Fairchild for his continuing work at Culag Wood.

Little Assynt: Thank you to Anna Mackay for looking after the compost toilets. Thank you to Rosemary Baines for looking after the donation boxes. Total for all donation boxes from Culag Woods and Little Assynt from May 2015 to May 2016 was £906.

Camper vans: It was suggested that a notice be placed in all car parks suggesting that if camping overnight a donation would be appreciated.

People counters: query about people counters, there are no working people counters at Little Assynt. Culag Woods people counters show that the paths are used by 15,000 per annum.

CALL: There are plans to expand the tree nursery; planning permission has been submitted for a polytunnel, shed and compost toilet. Forestry Commission have offered funding for a new shed.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm