

Annual General Meeting of Culag Community Woodland Trust Ltd

Location: Assynt Visitor Centre

Date 29th May 2017 7.30pm

Present:

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

Project Officer: Fiona Saywell.

Members and Others: Claire Belshaw, Julian Jacobson, Ian Evans, Ken Maclennan, Gordon & Lesley Sleight.

Apologies: Gwen Richards (Company Secretary), Charlie Russell, Ken Hamilton, Boyd Alexander, Morag Mackenzie, Mandy Haggith, Rosemary & Richard Baines.

1. **Minutes of AGM 2016:** Proposed by Ian Mackenzie, seconded by Mel Chapman

2. **Matters arising:**

Sponsorship of benches: there are still a few to sponsor plus the shelters at Little Assynt.

Donation signs at Little Assynt: need to be made permanent.

CALL: new polytunnel and shed have been built. Planning approved for compost toilets however funding will need to be sought for this.

Wood miser sawmill: Ken Maclennan continues to work on the wood miser. Still some issues with the engine to be worked through. Ken has sourced saw blades. Propose that individuals can provide their own blades if they would like to use the wood miser. Ken will continue to make improvements to the shed. Many thanks to Ken and Rob for their work.

3. **Chairperson's report:** Jorine 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: Question raised about putting minutes of ordinary meetings onto website. Action Jorine & Fiona. Thank you to all volunteers.

4. **Finance report:** Ian handed out copies of the Treasurer's Notes to CCWT Financial Statements for year ended 31st March 2017. Full copies of the financial statements were available at the meeting and will be posted on the CCWT website.

CCWT funds have decreased from £10,238 in 2016 to £9,776 this year. A satisfactory result this year as CCWT have not had the benefit of selling capital assets as in previous years or received a one off payment from last year when Culag Enterprises was wound up. Welcome increases were received from donations, subscriptions, Assynt Summer Ceilidh, Craft Fair teas and other sundry income, fishing permits and game sales amounting to some £2,200. This coupled with a reduction in accountancy fees of some £960 has helped to produce an almost break-even situation. The large room of the office premises is rented to the CALL Partnership, producing an annual rental income of £1,800. Hopefully this will continue next year.

Accounts proposed by Ian Evans, seconded by Gordon Sleight.

Thanks to Rosemary Baines for keeping the petty cash records.

5. **Appointment of Accountants:** Ken Hamilton was appointed as CCWT Accountant and Independent Examiner for the year 2017-18.

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

7. **Election of Directors:** Gwen Richards, Jimmy Crooks and Mel Chapman are the directors retiring by rotation, but eligible for re-election, Gwen was proposed by Anna Mackay, seconded by Claire Belshaw. Jimmy was proposed by Gordon Sleight, seconded by Ian Evans. Mel was proposed by Lesley Sleight, seconded by Ian Mackenzie. 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.

8. **Any Other Business:**

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

Little Assynt: Thank you to Mel Chapman 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 June 2016 to May 2017 was £1,218.

Directors: request for list of Directors and "about" info to be put onto website. Action Fiona & Jorine.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm