

## Annual General Meeting of Culag Community Woodland Trust Ltd

Location: Community Room, Lochinver Village Hall

Date: 21st May 2018 7.30pm

### Present:

Directors & Treasurer: Jorine van Delft (Chairperson), Anna Mackay, Charlie Russell, Chris Goodman, Mel Chapman, Ian Mackenzie (Treasurer).

Project Officer: Fiona Saywell.

Members and Others: Tom Fry, Julian Jacobson, Don O'Driscoll, Gordon & Lesley Sleight, Chris & Carol Puddephat, Rosemary Baines, Jane Young, Morag Mackenzie.

1. **Apologies:** Jimmy Crooks, Gwen Richards (Company Secretary), George Farlow, Ken Hamilton, Claire Belshaw, Richard Baines, Martin Giddey.

2. **Minutes of AGM 2017:** Proposed by Anna Mackay, seconded by Gordon Sleight.

3. **Matters arising:**

**Sponsorship of benches:** there are still a few benches to sponsor plus the large shelter at Little Assynt is still available.

**Wood miser sawmill:** Charlie Russell to source blades for purchase for those who wish to use the wood miser. In house training will be required for those that wish to use the wood miser.

4. **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.

Thank you to all volunteers.

5. **Finance report:** Ian handed out copies of the Treasurer's Notes to CCWT Financial Statements for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Full copies of the financial statements were available at the meeting and will be posted on the CCWT website.

CCWT funds have increased from £9,776 in 2017 to £10,372 this year, a modest surplus of £596. A satisfactory result this year as CCWT have not had the benefit of selling capital assets as in previous years. Welcome increases were received from donations this year, amounting to some £617. This has meant that the remaining Income and Expenditure were in balance. CCWT rents out most of our office premises to the CALL Partnership, producing an annual rental income of £1,800. Hopefully this will continue for the next few years.

Accounts proposed by Charlie Russell, seconded by Gordon Sleight.

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 2018-19.

7. **Project Officers' Reports:** Taken as read & handed out at meeting.

8. **Election of Directors:** Charlie Russell is the director retiring by rotation, but eligible for re-election, Charlie was proposed by Gordon Sleight, seconded by Lesley Sleight. Charlie was duly re-elected. There is also one other vacancy on the Board. Application to become a Director was received from George Farlow. George was proposed by Anna Mackay, seconded by Mel Chapman. George was duly elected.

9. **Any Other Business:**

**Charcoal Kiln:** The kiln is available for use. Please contact the Trust if you would like to use it. The kiln can be used for making artists charcoal, biochar to improve soil condition and barbecue charcoal.

**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 2017 to May 2018 was £1,808.91.

**Meeting closed at 8.05pm**