

SCTEAG minutes from Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.30 in the Trust Office.

1. Minutes and matters arising from the 7th October 2019.

- The minutes were agreed.
- Another moth event was to be planned in the spring. **Phil and Lysana**
- There has been interest expressed about another night walk and this would be later in the spring when the evening is a little later. **Catherine**
- Similarly with a beach clean up – possibly around Knock bay **Catherine.**
- Aquaponics will only go ahead if there is somebody able to devote time to working up a clear proposal for a feasibility study which has a high chance of funding being available.

2. Update of winter programme/finalise

- David Philips – “Sounds of the Environment” has been confirmed for 16th January in An Crubh by **Dorothy**
- Possible “Wildlife Tour Guiding” talk by Phil- awaits confirmation, *suggestion* either early February or mid/late March **Alan and Phil**
- Peat talk by Dr Alistair Headley *penciled in* beginning of March **Catherine**
- Tormore update and Social evening in Ardvasar Hall *penciled in* for March 2nd
- SSSI update *penciled in* Monday 6th April **Roger.**

It is important that dates and venues are secured using SMO and Ardvasar Hall with An Crubh. Please let Chris know as he will be checking availability etc.

3. Tormore Forest updates

Without Polly or Henrik available there is still some uncertainty in how the tree planting will move forward on the weekend of the 30th Nov and 1st December. How many trees will have arrived and the various species available.

The ideal of mounding prior to planting will not be feasible given the time available but strimming of sites might be achieved. Tim, Peter and Chris will walk the paths and endeavour to identify suitable areas for planting at 2.00 Wednesday 20th November.

Before the weekend of the 30/1st sufficient areas will be strimmed by Chris and Peter with Tim hopefully making an informed decision of which types of trees for the different areas.

4. White tailed eagles - update.

Due to Martin being very busy with shop business and moving, Peter will follow this up for a follow up meeting in early December.

5. Update of possible coordination and active participation with Climate collapse initiatives.

Dorothy was thanked for her work in this area and to act as the environment groups link to developments.

6. Succession planning.

Peter indicated that he will be standing down from the chair of SCTEAG in the summer. The new chair will be eligible to attend the Trust meetings to represent SCTEAG.

7. AOCB Beware of offers of cheap salmon following a lorry spill of salmon near Bridge of Orchy and part of the cargo apparently being stolen!

8. Dates of the next meeting - Tuesday January 28th 2020 was identified as possible in Ardvasar Hall