



The Kinloch Woodlands SCIO
Scottish Charity No: SCO 31020

Draft Minutes of AGM 15th October 2016 at Kinloch, Shieldaig, 10.30am

Trustees present: Richard Munday (convenor), Mike Robertson, Bob Wilson (treasurer), Ruairidh MacLennan, Jim Alexander, Beverly Hill, Helen Munday, Claire Munday (secretary).

Others present: Mairi Wilson, Phil Collins.

Apologies from Trustees: David Munday. Other apologies: Jim Raffell

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| Richard welcomed everyone to the first AGM of The KW SCIO which now has a larger group of trustees with more community representation. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of AGM 21st November 2015</p> <p>Minutes were approved, having amended Report & Accounts to read “2014 – 2015”.</p> <p>Matters arising.</p> <p>Page 1. <u>Insurance.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to continue with trustee liability insurance.</p> <p>In the event of a fire, there was a discussion about the need for detailed mapping of the fenced area, and possibly the open hill every 5-10 years. Would it be better and less costly to have satellite or drone high resolution photos, rather than ground mapping? Bob to look into costs of satellite photography.</p> <p>Page 3. <u>Asset register.</u></p> <p>Richard & Claire to compile an asset register of all equipment held in the previous KWCT which is to be transferred to KW SCIO, and also equipment previously bought by the family which is to be donated to KW SCIO.</p> <p><u>Accounting requirements.</u></p> <p>Point 2. “....the period from 6.4.2015 – 5.4.16”.</p> | <p>Bob</p> <p>Richard/ Claire</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Habitat monitoring report.</p> <p>Jim has assessed the ground for herbivore impact (excluding the common grazings) in 4 management sections – open hill, lower block, upper block east & west. There are 6 sites in each section. Jim provided us with a summary for discussion and he is in the process of finalising his report. This report will form a useful baseline to refer to in the coming years. If any of the trustees would like a copy of Jim’s final report please let Claire know. We are very grateful to Jim for his thorough work and look forward to sending Jim’s final report to Sinclair Coghill at SNH and to S.W.Ross Deer Management Group.</p> | <p>Jim/ Claire</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Report & Accounts ending 5th April 2016</p> <p>These were approved and 2 sets signed by Richard. One set was sent on 16/10/16 to OSCR with the 2015/16 annual return. These are the last ones for KWCT. The first KW SCIO report and accounts will be from 30/9/2015 – end March 2017.</p> | <p>Richard</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Finance</p> <p>1. <u>Management accounts.</u> Balance stands at £1674.99. Savings account £82722.84</p> <p>2. <u>Budget.</u> Income and expenditure for period 4/4/2016 – 5/4/2021. The aim is to try to achieve a small surplus in 2016/17 (after 2 years of deficits because of restructuring costs) with broad “break even” over the 5 year period.</p> | |

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| <p>3. <u>Accountants</u>. Blair Houser retired this year and trustees wished that a letter be sent to Blair thanking him for his commitment to KWCT over many years. Our new accountants are Campbell Stewart MacLennan & Co. based in Portree. (Claire, subsequent to the meeting, found that Faye MacLeod MA CA has undertaken to be our accountant in that firm). The letter of engagement on 11/8/2016 didn't indicate what their fee would be. This will be reviewed at the next AGM.</p> <p>4) <u>Crofting rent</u>. KW received £50 annual rent for 1000 acres of Doire-aonar common grazings and £50 from Wilderness Holidays for fishing rental.</p> | Richard |
| Estate works programme | |
| <p><u>Deer management</u>. We discussed ways of distributing venison resulting from deer shot on the hill. The problems are of removal of the carcass over rough ground and often well away from a track, and of storage which meets the necessary hygiene regulations. It was thought a good idea if other estates could join with us to make better use of selling venison in the future and this might evolve through SWRDMG. Currently we are distributing venison locally for free when we can. Richard took us through the cull figures which are down this year and the census data which indicates that there are not many deer on the open hill. This is good news. The trail cameras have proved very effective. Once Phil Collins has his DMQ level 1 then there will be 4 qualified stalkers at level 1. Claire to contact Charlie Hill about any local DMQ level 1 & 2 training.</p> | Claire |
| <p><u>Path work</u>. It was agreed to ask Martin McCrorie for a fixed price for extending a quad bike track up the peat slope beyond the end of Scottish Water track, with a view to this being carried out in 2017. * (see developments since AGM at the end of these minutes).</p> | Richard |
| <p><u>Fence repairs</u>. Fences are generally in good condition but there are 3 areas which need repair. It is planned to check the staples round the whole fence. David has started work on this.</p> | Richard/ Jim/ David |
| <p><u>Interpretation</u>. Bev is our link with Shildaig primary school and she reported on progress in exploring ways in which the pupils can experience the woodland. The head teacher, Mrs. Taylor, is very enthusiastic about the idea of an "outdoor classroom" and wants the project to be children-led. There have been meetings between Bev, Mrs. Taylor and Jim Raffell at Marine Scotland with a view to using the visitor centre as a work space with easy access to the river, shoreline and woodland. Bev has applied for funding on behalf of KW SCIO for a microscope. She will let us know the outcome of talks between the 3 parties. Claire ordered new walks leaflets which Wilderness Holiday guests use and are distributed to other B&Bs in the area.</p> | Bev |
| <p><u>Local KW management meeting</u>. Held on 19/2/16 Following on from our decision at our 2015 AGM to meet at a local level in between AGMs, 5 of us (Jim, Ruairidh, Bev, Richard, Claire) met at Kinloch. We discussed several topics – Marine Scotland's future plans with the lab & fish trap, - a possible woodland extension at Doireaonar, - providing venison for local needs, - bank signatories: Jim agreed to be a signatory for cheques over £500. Other signatories are Richard and Claire, - path work. Ruairidh said he would be happy to help when he could, - training: Jim was to find out what quad bike and chainsaw training is available. The local group had planned to meet again in the summer but this didn't</p> | Jim |

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| <p>happen as we were all busy with other commitments. Following discussion we felt it reasonable to only meet once a year between AGMs and to have this meeting early in 2017 – possibly February/ March. Claire to arrange.</p> <p><u>Wildlife report.</u></p> <p>Richard distributed the monitoring return for the year 2015 which forms part of our Forestry Stewardship certification. He reported that there have been sightings locally in summer 2016 of badgers, mink and wild cats.</p> <p>Red squirrels: 22 females and 12 males were relocated from the east Moray coast to the Shieldaig area by Trees for Life this spring. Boxes were strapped to trees and feeding stations set up in several locations. There have been regular sightings reported by local people with squirrels moving out to Inverbain and Torridon. Sadly we know of 3 killed by passing traffic. Trees for Life are filming about this venture here on 22nd November.</p> | <p>Claire</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Possible woodland extensions</p> <p>Doireanar Common Grazings. The Calcotts had expressed an interest again in providing ground for a possible woodland scheme. Donald Macleod, from the Forestry Commission in Dingwall, Bob Wilson, David and Richard had meetings to assess the suitability of the ground in February. The outcome resulted in the scheme being considered as marginal and unlikely to attract much, if anything, in the way of grants.</p> <p>Glen Shieldaig. This scheme has been discussed again between the estates of Ben Shieldaig, Couldoran and Kinloch but is still not progressing. Mark Raeside has suggested it could be revisited again in 4 years.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Shieldaig Sea Trout project</p> <p>Jim provided us with a summary in our annual report. A particular feature was the good returns of adult sea trout in summer 2016. The future of the project was discussed with John Armstrong on 15/2/16. Richard expressed disappointment that the original intension of the project to press for co-operation with fish farms was not happening. There are 3 possible options for the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -continue as now but with better co-ordination with the fish farms, and restoration and improvement of the visitor's centre. -accept that the project had achieved as much as it was going to and close it down. -reduce the trap presence which acts as a barrier and replace with fish counters, and do work as in option 1 on the visitor's centre. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Inverbain Hydroelectric scheme</p> <p>The scheme has generated 3762 MWh in volume between 1/8/15 – 31/7/(down on previous years because of drier weather). The annual rent sent to KW SCIO is £19,015 which is split equally between KW SCIO and the Calcotts.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">A.O.B.</p> <p><u>Website.</u> Since the last AGM we had provided Steve Carter with details of KW SCIO for www.shieldaig.org which he operates voluntarily. It was agreed to provide the Shieldaig community website with up-to-date minutes and report and accounts. www.shieldaig.info Jim will do this for us.</p> <p>Date for next AGM 11th November Saturday 2017</p> | <p>Jim</p> |

Claire Munday 7/11/16