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■ FRIENDS OF GLENAN WOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2019

- **Date:** October 26, 2019
- **Time:** 12.00 noon.
- **Place:** Kames Church Hall
- **Trustees in attendance:** Mark Appleton, Rob Borusso, Heather Cattermole, Mick Eyre, Andree Hawke, Ian Lindsay, Eve MacFarlane, Lucy Roper, Robin Webster

Sufficient FoGW members and members of the public were in attendance to ensure the meeting was quorate

1. Chairman's welcome

Chairman Robin Webster welcomed those in attendance and confirmed that numbers were sufficient to form a quorum.

2. Secretary's report on activities

Secretary Eve MacFarlane told the meeting about the charity's activities over the past year which, she explained, had primarily focused on the applications to acquire the Wood from Forestry and Land Scotland and the associated grant application from the Scottish Land Fund. These applications, as already announced, have been successful which means the project is moving into a new phase which includes the conveyancing associated with the asset transfer and the recruitment of a Forest Ranger and Development Officer.

Eve explained that future priorities will include improving pathways, creating signage and controlling rhododendron and bracken. Consideration will be given to how to manage and remove the plantation part of the wood and how/whether to progress the idea of an eco-bunkhouse and/or eco-pods.

Eve explained that there will be a requirement for some fundraising activities potentially to pay for office space, equipment and other expenditure.

She explained that there were, however, other activities which took place during the year, including the now renamed Glenan Gathering, formerly the Bio Blitz.

On a procedural note, Robin, Andree and Heather formally stood down and were subsequently proposed, seconded and re-elected. Ian who had previously been co-opted onto the board was also proposed, seconded and elected as a full board member.

A question from the floor raised the subject of deer control and it was explained that better paths and more footfall through the wood will help deter deer. It was explained that culling had not been ruled out but that simply removing deer from within the boundary of the wood could simply lead to other deer moving into the area.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lucy explained that at the end of the financial year 2017- 18 the charity had a balance of £303.38. During that year £11,120 had been received in the form of grants for the feasibility study and valuation but that had been paid out for its intended purpose. The current balance is £324. She explained that there would now be a requirement to raise funds for future activities.

A question from the floor raised the issue of why the accounts were "late" but it was explained that 2017-18 was in fact the most recent financial year (October to October) that have been audited.

4. Conclusion of meeting

Robin drew the meeting to a close by thanking those members and others who had taken the time and trouble to attend and expressing the charity's optimism about the next phase of Friends of Glenan Wood's operations.

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