

FINAL

▪ FRIENDS OF GLENAN WOOD STEERING COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING

- **Date:** 13 April, 2018
- **Time:** 4.00pm
- **Place:** Kilfinan Community Forest workshop
- **Attendees:** Mark Appleton, Mick Eyre, Andree Hawke, Eve MacFarlane, Heather Muir, Lucy Roper.
- **Apologies:** Rob Borusso, Robin Webster.

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and could therefore be dated and signed off by Eve prior to posting on the FoGW website.
ACTION: Eve.
2. **Date of Annual General Meeting.** It was agreed that the final decision would be made at a later date.
3. **FoGW Membership** Eve said it would be worth posting membership forms through the doors of houses in Portavadie and Millhouse, these being the communities closest to Glenan Wood. Eve said she had sent the first newsletter to all current members (around 90) by email.
ACTION: Eve
4. **Update on Feasibility Study/Business Plan** Duncan, the consultant is progressing this and has mentioned that a colleague had previously worked with the Marina on another project and would seek to understand any ideas that they might have for working with us. Duncan has also reiterated that it will be helpful to have some concrete figures about member numbers, potential volunteer hours, different user groups etc. when compiling his report.
5. **Bioblitz** There was extensive discussion around the practicalities, timings and logistics of undertaking a Bioblitz (a volunteer-led cataloguing of flora and fauna within the wood in a 24 hour period). A date was proposed which was later rejected in favour of June 8&9 and it was felt that a marquee would be required and that it would need to be erected on the Thursday before a Saturday event. Mick said that KCFC has a suitable marquee and he could get some help erecting it from the Kings Court lads.
The possible need for a generator was also discussed as was the requirement for public liability insurance and the provision of moth traps. Mick, Andree and Heather agreed to form the core of the Bioblitz organisation team and suggestions were made for other participants based on their specialist knowledge.
The idea of a barbecue to bring the event to a close was met with approval and it was pointed out that this would require a catering team.
A school's event on the Friday was also discussed and is currently planning with the involvement of Michaela, Marylou and Ros.
In terms of attendees, it was suggested that a minibus would help to bring in individuals or groups without their own transport, including the elderly. Other groups mentioned as possible attendees included the local Lunch Group, Cowal Bird Group and the Red Squirrel Group.

Eve said she would speak to the Marina management about getting the grass cut in the picnic area, something they have now agreed to do.

ACTIONS: Andree, Mick, Heather, Lucy

6. **Market Stall** Ideas for the market stall at the Producers Market of April 21 were discussed as was the availability of bodies to man/woman the stall. Lucy and Eve were able to volunteer to do this. Heather offered to make wild garlic pesto and Lucy offered to do some baking for sale. On the day around £60 was taken for the group's coffers and an extra dozen or so members were signed up.
7. **Next meeting** A provisional date for the next meeting was set as May 18 at 4.pm in the same venue at KCFC.

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