

Aigas Community Forest National Forest Land Scheme Application - September 2009

Defining the Community Boundary

In setting the community boundary the Steering Committee wanted to make sure that we included as many people as possible with a potential interest in the forest, either because they live close to it or because it forms a major part of their view. Existing community definitions such as parishes and community council areas in Lower Strathglass, where Aigas Forest is situated, are all on one side of the River Beauly or the other. In recognition that Aigas Forest is clearly visible from across the Glen but less so just 2 – 3 miles up or down the same side of the river as Aigas, the Committee felt it was important that the Aigas Forest community encompassed both sides of the River Beauly and as a result we moved away from traditional boundaries. This led one member of the Committee to undertake a 2-day cycling expedition to find out which parts of the glen can see the forest. The photographs taken were then matched to a map and used to define a community consisting of the following postcode areas IV4 7AD, IV4 7AE, IV4 7AF, IV4 7JJ, IV4 7JL, IV4 7JN, IV4 7AG, IV4 7AQ, IV4 7EY and IV4 7JR. This proposal was then presented at a public meeting in Kilmorack Hall on 29th June and ratified by the 41 people present.

Using the edited electoral roll provided by John Bruce, Elections Manager at The Highland Council, 321 potential voters were identified and balloted.

Map of the Community

