



VAT. No. 310378531

Minutes of the Board Meeting held in The Magnus House, Aigas Field Centre on Monday 29th July 2019 at 1900.

Present

Peter Smith PS
John Graham JG
Russell Ross RR
Phil Masheter PM
David Garvie DG
Chloe Denerley CD
Neil Valentine NV

In Attendance

Helge Hansen HH
Madeleine Robinson MR

Apologies

Andrew Leaver AL
Greg Jackson GJ

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

Minutes of Meeting of 3rd June 2019

These minutes had been circulated to the Board in advance.
Proposed JG. Seconded PM. Approved.

Chairman's Business

PS had nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman's Business

PM reported that his work on the Ladies Walk is almost complete. Further path work in this area is ongoing.

Report from Helge Hansen, Forest Manager

The papers relating to the autumn felling are ready to be signed. A meeting with the contractors is scheduled for the official start date of 8th August. The need for the contractors to avoid disturbance to identified badger setts was stressed. RR,PS and CD will monitor activity.

NV and HH will between them make at least 3 site visits each week and liaise closely with the contractors.

No road closures are envisaged before mid October.

The new forest car park will be closed to allow lorries to use it as a turning area.

Cars will temporarily have to park on the approach road.

The need for the contractors to reinstate the paths to a high standard was agreed.

HH will discuss this with the contractors prior to the contract being signed.

Fencing work is due to restart on the 6th August.

HH and NV have met again with Jim Mann to explore the possibility of using pigs in ACF to improve the ground. The Board expressed their support for advancing the project.

Leader project path work will begin on 26th August for 2 weeks. HH will discuss machinery hire and labour requirements with Chris Marsh.

A routine FSC internal audit will take place on 22nd August. HH and NV will make appropriate preparations.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

RR is waiting for more timber.

It is planned to complete the cladding on the container.

Sub-Group Reports

Paths and Access Group

No meeting.

Deer Management

No meeting

Woodfuel

About 10 x cubic metre bags of firewood have been processed. A further processing day will be arranged.

Bothy Group

Discussions are ongoing as to the purpose, siting and planning requirements for a bothy building.

Wildlife and Ecology

No meeting

Financial Report

The bank balance is approximately £173,000 with approximately £5,000 due from that for a VAT payment. GS will prepare full post VAT accounts for the next meeting.

Secretary's Report

MR had nothing to report.

AOCB

No matters raised.

The meeting closed at 20.55

The AGM will be held on the 7th October 2019 in the Magnus House at 1900

**Subsequent Meetings: Monday 2nd December
Monday 27th January**