

ROOTS OF ARRAN COMMUNITY WOODLAND (Sco35585)

Minutes of A.G.M

Saturday 15th July 2017

Altachorvie, Lamlash

Present; Juliette Walsh,
Keith Robertson,
Debra Adam,
Stuart Turner
Friederike Lorenzen,
Russell Adam.

The minutes from last years Annual General Meeting were considered as the first order of business. Debra proposed that the minutes be adopted as representative of the meeting and this was seconded by Juliette.

Office Bearers

Mike Bailey has stepped down from the committee,
Juliette has stepped down from vice chair but will take on the role of treasurer.
Russell was appointed secretary
Keith will remain as Chair.

Chairperson's Report

The Report for 2016-2017 was presented by the vice chair. In general a very successful and active year.
In summary, there was the construction of the shelter at Lag a Bheith.
The extension of the 'path to somewhere',
New signage from Mike, many thanks,
And the outreach work undertaken with the six local primary schools,
As well as the usual on site maintenance activities
Russell proposed that the report be accepted and this was seconded by Stuart.

Treasurer's Report

In summary, a healthy turnover for the year.
Spending on the shelter , path and other associated costs made possible by the YPI grant, and outreach through
Foundation Scotland and the Ernest Cook Trust for woodland learning.
Stuart proposed we accept the report and this was seconded by Friederike

Matters arising

ST and FL agreed to update and expand the groups online presence and make sure the Facebook page is optimally functional.

There was the customary discussion of how to develop and promote the Path to Brodick. There is a great opportunity to create a completely new signposted trail from the pier to the woodland with the recent extension of the path on site. We need to keep the dialogue open with the Douglas Hotel and encourage the route from their end as part of their ongoing development plans. It was suggested that the matter should be raised with the planning department as it would be a much safer and convenient path for those entering Arran on foot walking the pathless road to Lamlash. But it would involve at least one expensive bridge.

There was also the discussion about how best to promote the existing path via the Mayish. With no signage in the village it's very existence is pretty much down to local knowledge.

It was suggested that we should contact Malcolm Whitmore of the Access Trust for help with signage and how to best direct people up to the path ST and FL to action. Funds are available for considered signage.

All business having been attended to, the meeting was brought to a brisk conclusion in time for the musical fundraiser.