



# Kilmallie Community Company

## BOARD Meeting – Minutes

Date, Time and Place

Friday March 18th 2011 - 7:00 pm Kilmallie Hall.

**1. Present:** Paul Brian (chair), Paul Biggin (sec), John Ireland, Roddy Mainland, Lee MacKenzie, Jan MacLugash, Chris Strong

**Apologies:** David Govan, Richard Grieve

**2. Admin** – It was agreed that Paul Brian would act as chairman and Roddy Mainland as vice chairman. Paul Biggin was asked to continue as secretary and David Govan as treasurer. Two more directors could be co-opted as and if required.

**3. Minutes of previous meetings.** The minutes of the last board meeting in February were briefly read and accepted. Minutes of the AGM were noted but their acceptance would follow at the next AGM.

Matters arising were dealt with under the agenda items below.

**4. Membership** 3 applications had been received since the AGM; about 50 since the last board meeting. Membership is now 217 (there are 1300 on the voters register). Quite a few youngsters on the list are now not resident but can still be counted as associate members. A revised membership form is on the web site. Applications quite often leave the email not completed. Of the existing membership we have only about 60 email addresses – news etc can easily be sent by email so getting members onto the email list is useful.

**5. Work Programme.** Progress on **safety felling.** Roddy described the clearance in the oak wood carried out voluntarily by Kennedy Fencing contractors. An email thanking them has been sent; also an article and photo has been sent to the Lochaber News and Oban Times; but nothing published as yet. So all safety felling in the oak wood has been dealt with. A large hanging branch remains to be dealt with in the pinewood. As this is taped off there is no urgency but Roddy will ask the Kennedys to deal with this, if necessary on a paid basis – but as and when they can manage. (John has chain oil if required) The contractor we had previously asked had eventually decided he was too busy to do the work.

**Electricity Line** at bus shelter – Though clearance can in theory be done by the SEB we need to decide if we really want this strip of trees to be cleared as it will open up the edge of the oak wood. We resolved to look at this and decide at the next meeting.

**Fencing** – pinewood repairs – we will try to do this with a work party one evening towards the end of April (but not Easter)– Sec will ask if Angus MacPhie can order materials. A date is then to be fixed by sec. for a work party.

**Felling Licence for holly** etc. Grant Stuart will inspect this next time he is in fort William. Sec. to chase.

**Oakwood path** – Paul Brian had a reply from Dot Ferguson. As we suspected HC will take no further responsibility for maintenance. Paul will follow up to see if some useful data can be had from the path sensors and to explore the possibility of moving the sensor.

**Entrances** – particularly those to the pinewood could be made more obvious. Some pruning and possibly marker posts – work party - discuss next meeting. Sec. to get an estimate for **signs** and if reasonable arrange for supply. Putting them up will be a job a for a work party.



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**6: Finance** Balance £1612 cheques signed for sec expenses and VAL membership. Costs still to come - web site circa £120, fencing, £2-300, felling?, signs, £50?

We resolved to have only 4 directors nominated to sign cheques. Details were collected to change our account.

### **7. Publicity.**

Web site [www.kilmallie.com](http://www.kilmallie.com) is now active hosted by Linnhe Creative a firm run by Chris Snellgrove. Files are mostly old material, updating is in progress. We discussed putting the minutes onto the site. AGM minutes – yes. Board meetings we decided they would be circulated amongst the board at first by email, amended as and if required, then published.

Email circulars and notices on public notice boards, Roamer etc. can be used to publicise work parties. A posted letter circular costs £50 to £100.

**8. Safety.** See note on pinewood above. Nothing else of note.

### **9. Corpach Marina Project:**

Sec, to contact Su Sen to ask that we have an input to the terms of reference for the feasibility study.

**10: Caledonian Canal Project.** No developments so far. A summary of information to date could be put onto the web site. John & Jan to consider. Placing TPOs on the canal side trees was being looked at by HC – John will chase.

**11. Rowan Wood** Roddy had drafted a letter to councillors expressing our interest in taking ownership of the rowan wood above Lady Margaret Drive. We agreed an approach to councillors was best. We discussed various alternatives to ownership but decided that it was the only one which gave secure management of the area purely as amenity woodland.

**12. AOB** Chairman asked Jan to pass on the message to the Community Council that we would be pleased to work closely with them.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting.**

No date set, sec. to organise as soon as anything arises which requires a meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm! Thanks to the chair as we had got through a lot of business.