

## MINUTES: Glengarry Community Woodlands

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## First General Meeting

30 September 2015

Glengarry Community Hall @ 19.30hrs

### Present:

Interim Directors from GCW Steering Group: Bruce Kocjan-Briggs, Grace Grant, George Cross, Colin Grant.

Company Solicitor: Johnny Bell

Public: James Menzies, Catriona Menzies, Lindsay Rogers, Colin Sage, Hector Rogers, June Mathers Plus 14 other members

**Apologies:** Jon Fleming, Lea MacNally, Charlotte Provan, Mac Provan, Neil Stewart

**Objective:** Institute Glengarry Community Woodlands as a company

**Company Number:** SC501083

**Company Type:** Private, Limited by guarantee, no share capital, use of 'Limited' exemption

### Summary of Actions from This Meeting

No	Action	Who	When
1	There were no actions arising from this meeting	N/A	

**Previous Minutes:** This being the first general meeting of the company, there were no previous minutes.

**GCW Steering Group Chairman Presentation:** Bruce Kocjan-Briggs, being the chairman of the previous GCW Steering Group, presented an explanation via a timeline of how the GCW company came into being. And that the steering group is now dissolved to be replaced by this company. He also outlined the financial circumstances regarding the steering group including the various grant awards and expenditures that the newly formed GCW company will inherit.

**Election of Directors to the Company:** The four interim Directors stood down. Johnny Bell explained to all the members present the legalities and technicalities of the election process for GCW company Directors. He encouraged all to read the Articles for the company that are on

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the website. There are currently 90 members. Notices for nominations to be Directors went out over 4 weeks ago giving opportunity for all to become involved. Up to six ordinary member directors are required (with no less than 5) and there may be up to 3 co-opted Directors. There being 7 nominations, George Cross withdrew his nomination to avoid one person 'losing'.

Therefore, Johnny announced, it being a fair process with a quorum of members, the following are duly elected as Directors of the Glengarry Community Woodlands company:

**Bruce Kocjan-Briggs, Grace Grant, Colin Grant, Catriona Menzies , Lindsay Rogers, June Mathers**

**Any Other Business:** The floor was then open for questions and a number of points were discussed including:

Involvement of younger people as co-opted Directors. Johnny encouraged young people to be involved and, further, that the committee should ideally reflect the community as a whole.

Rotation of Directors - the Articles are clear in that at the second and each subsequent AGMs one third of the elected Directors shall retire, to encourage vitality and refreshment in the Directors and the future of the company.

It was noted that a number of other groups are doing this successfully and, further, these groups often welcome visits and discussion.

Community Development Officer - there is funding already in place and an advert out for a CDO, including on the CWA website. All members were exhorted to spread the word. This job will be self funded into the future. The intention is to encourage social enterprise - it is not enough to live on grants.

Timber extraction - although this is a primary source of funding it is not the case that we can just take out all the timber. There must be a forest plan for the long term that will encourage natural regeneration as well as business growth as appropriate.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at approximately 20.30hrs.

**Next AGM:** To be arranged for 2016.

George Cross Thursday, 01 October 2015.