

# Glengarry Community Woodlands Annual General Meeting

Date: 26th October 2016  
The Depot @ 19.30hrs

**Directors Present:** George Cross, Colin Grant, Catriona Menzies, June Mathers, Lindsay Rogers, Grace Grant.

CDO Tom Cooper also present

**Chairing meeting** - George Cross

**Welcome & Introduction** - Having explained that this was the first AGM of GCW, George Cross introduced the current Board of Directors, Johnny Bell as our legal support and Tom as the recently employed CDO. He welcomed all those present to the GCW depot and confirmed that a quorum was present. June took a register of members attending and all those present.

**Apologies** – David MacDonald, Bob Lee, Bruce Kocjan-Briggs

**Chairman's Report** - George Cross outlined a very successful year in which the following notable things had taken place:

- Set up company (and trading arm) (Established at general meeting of 30 Sept 2015)
- Purchased Woodland (December 2015)
- Established initial branding
- Evolving depot development
- Forest Plan (nearly in place - to be covered by Tom later)
- Walking group (supported by Step it Up Highland)
- A weekly forest school for the local school children
- A number of successful events:
  - Walkabout - introduction to the woods (October 2015)
  - Family celebration (Jan 2016)
  - BBQ/Treasure Hunt (March 2016)
  - Tree Planting (with school April 2016)
  - Plant Sale (June 2016 at Lindsay's)
  - Scoping Walk (towards the forest plan - July 2016)
  - A Journey with Trees (and horses - Sept 2016 - with 'Trees for Life')
  - Small scale woods harvesting Sept 2016 - with 'Small Woods' and with other local sites and businesses)
  - Pole Lathe demonstration (Oct 2016)

George gave thanks to all who assisted throughout the year including HIE, Glengarry Trust,

SLF, Amanda Calvert of 'Small Woods', Johnny Bell, Chris Piper, Joyce Gilbert. George also apologised should anybody be overlooked here, as there were so many able people supporting GCW it was inevitable some would be missed.

George looked forward to the next year. Most immediately for the Craft Fair but then generally for the need for volunteer groups and income generation.

There were no questions from the floor.

**Treasurers Report** - Grace gave a presentation of the key financial facts and confirmed that David Govan (accountant for VAL) has approved the accounts that had also been agreed by all Directors. She explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted funds and that much of the identified cash in bank is already allocated. Taking this into account, GCW is in credit (to the tune of a few 10's of pounds) but needs income to remain secure.

George thanked Grace for the clear presentation and explanations.

**CDO Report** - Tom Cooper gave a run through of the highlights of his work since he started on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and then talked through a couple of slides covering his priorities for the next year. The talk was about 20 mins long and there were no questions from the floor afterwards.

**Election of Directors** - George thanked all current Directors and explained that, although there was no requirement at a first AGM to change, we had some Directors standing down. These being Bruce (earlier in the year), Grace and Lindsay, so there were vacancies.

George stated that there were three nominations, on the approved form in the correct time, received by the GCW office and that there were no proxy votes. He asked each nominee to stand and introduce themselves and what they brought to GCW. George asked for a show of hands for each individual in turn:

Alan White. For - unanimous. Against - 0. Abstentions - 0

Alison Hougham. For - unanimous. Against - 0. Abstentions - 0

Joy Middleton. For - unanimous. Against - 0. Abstentions - 0

All three Directors were duly elected.

George explained the need for co-opting by the new board and that this could be discussed after the meeting.

## **Any Other Business**

Lindsay explained the quiz results and that there would be a prize giving in due course.

Forest Plan Spotlight Talk - Tom went through an interesting presentation on the current state of play of the Forest Plan.

George closed the meeting and invited all to tea and nibbles.

**Date of next Directors meeting - 2/11/16. 07.30pm @ the depot**

**Written by: George Cross - 1/11/2016**

**These minutes are agreed and approved:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_