



Kilmallie Community Company

AGM 2013 – Minutes

Minutes of the Kilmallie Community Company which met on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Kilmallie Hall.

- 1. Present:** Paul Brian, (chair), Lee MacKenzie, Jan Maclugash, Chris Strong, Colin Gray (directors)
Paul Biggin (secretary), David Govan (treasurer)
& 12 other members who signed the record of attendance.
Apologies, Roddy Mainland, John MacIntyre, Allan Colquhoun,

2. Minutes of the last AGM.

Minutes of the last AGM were read. Proposed as accepted by Alex Gillespie and seconded by Chris Strong.

3. Progress Report. Paul Brian welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their support. He explained that the AGM was necessary and an opportunity for any questions. He gave a summary of the companies formation up to date. Since the last AGM a few individuals have kept a watching eye on the woods and have cleared away litter. In August we invited John Dye to come and do some tree bores in the pine wood. The result is that we now know the trees are about 180 years old. We had only one work party in May in the oak wood when we cleared litter, pulled up holly seedlings and removed one or two hanging branches. To save money we closed our web site but transferred all the information to the Kilmallie Community Council site. This combined with regular contributions to the council news letter has given us a much better profile.

Our attention was drawn to our limited funds, barely enough to pay next years bills. At some point we will have to raise additional funds. Also membership requires attention; we need to keep recruiting new members in order to support our claim to represent the community and bring in new blood.

4. Treasurer's Report

David Govan explained our accounts copies of which were circulated. He said that the level of expenditure was very low but we had only sufficient balance to cover this and next years expenditure. If we had any sort of emergency then additional funds would need to be raised. The chairman thanked David for his work.

5. Election of directors

Two directors retired. Paul Brian having served 5 years and Roddy Mainland having served three. Roddy was prepared to stand again - proposed by Alex Gillespie, seconded by Lee MacKenzie. John Ireland was prepared to stand - proposed by Joy Biggin, seconded by Beryl Austin. Denis Barnes was proposed as a co-opted director by Paul Biggin and seconded by Joy Biggin. Roddy, John and Denis were accepted as directors.

6. AOB.

Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing chairman Paul Brian. He in turn said he had enjoyed his 5 years as director and thanked his fellow directors, secretary and treasurer for their interest and work. He thought we had the right approach low key and a minimum of inference but hard work when the need arose.



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Allan Colquhoun had asked for two items to be raised. First that we should plant some pine trees in gaps within the pine wood. Second that we consider tackling the holly regeneration as urgent. It was agreed that the directors would put these items high on the list of priorities. The next work party will be in the pine wood and pulling the smaller holly seedlings will be done.(as we did with the last work party in the oak wood.)

Secretary mentioned that a discussion of the Rowan Wood was needed and whether or not to take active steps to take over ownership and management. This was initially for the board to consider and then via publicity as necessary before taking it forward.

Two questions were asked. Who was responsible for maintenance of the paths through the oak and rowan woods? Although in theory there is an obligation on the lead agency (HC) who built the path under a "Leader" partnership scheme in practical terms the land owner is likely to be the only party that does anything. i.e. KCC for the oakwood and HC for the Rowan wood.

Is riding a motorcycle in the woods illegal? Yes it is and should be reported to the police.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

After the meeting in informal discussion Denis suggested trying mechanical pullers to tackle some of the larger holly.