

Minutes of Board Meeting 21st February 2017

Trustees: Jean McLeod (Chair), Doug Boyle, Guy Haslam, John Hector, Jonathan Kitching;
In Attendance: Robert Dinnie (Patron), Rick Paul (Secretary to Board), Jane Winton (Administrator);

1. Introduction

1.1 The Agenda was confirmed and no apologies noted. Three items for AOB were noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The Minutes of Meeting on 24th January 2017 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Finances

4.1 Annual Accounts 2016: The previously circulated draft Trustees Report was endorsed for inclusion in the Accounts.

4.2 BTCO: The previously circulated BTCO financial tables for 2016 were noted and it was also noted that BTCO will hold their AGM on 9th March.

5. Administration

5.1 AGM: After discussion it was decided to hold an open visit on Sunday 21st May to the Sawmill and Turning Mill at 2.30pm followed by the AGM in Finzean Hall at 4pm.

5.2 BPLG: It was agreed that RP will contact all groups with a view to arranging the next meeting for later in the year as there are no special topics to be discussed.

5.3 Insurance: After investigating different companies it was agreed to stay with Lycetts as no other company can cover all insurance.

6. Properties

6.1 Finzean Mills: It was noted that SEPA have agreed to a one off licence and that there is a meeting on Friday regarding the fish pass. It was noted that the Thin Trust are to donate £6k to the restoration of the middle weir. It was noted that BCT has issued a letter confirming that the Sawmill cannot be used for cutting timber due to Health & Safety Regulations governing the use of circular saws.

6.2 Commonly Pinewood: DB updated Trustees on current works and the previously circulated record of CAG meeting was noted.

6.3 Slewdrum Forest: It was noted that the planning application for EE mast had been lodged with Aberdeenshire Council and that discussions over lease were with JHM.

6.4 Forest Fire Plans: The previously circulated details of BCT's arrangements related to the risk / occurrence of a wildfire were noted.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Local Land Management: The previously circulated Record of the Meeting on 18th January was noted.

7.2 Ord Housing: It was noted that EC is awaiting a response from the Local Authority.

7.3 Archive: A meeting between JMc, JW, RP and Sian Loftus is to take place on Thursday.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Rural Affairs: It was noted that an invite had been made to Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham to visit BCT.

8.2 Land Commission: It was noted that an invite had been made to Andrew Thin, Chair new Land Commission to visit BCT.

8.3 Corsedardar: It was noted that FCC have been approached by members of the public to erect a dog waste bin in this area.

9. Board Meetings

9.1 Board Meetings: It was confirmed that the next meetings will be held on Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday 18th April at 7.15pm in the Archive Building.

9.2 Site Visits: It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.



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21st March 2017
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