

**Strathnairn Community Woodland Group  
General Meeting  
9th Jun 2008**

Present: John Elam; Myles Evans; Farquhar Forbes; Bob Kass; Donald Longden; Davy Thompson  
Pam Noble – BLF Case Officer

Members of public: Peter Christie; Marion MacDonald; Sheila Lamont

Apologies: None

1. Previous minutes 12 May 08

- Proposed FForbes; seconded D Thompson

2. Pam Noble – BLF funding

2 issues: (a) securing match funding with BLF

(b) increased actual costs once funding amounts approved.

- BLF won't give more money – may need to reduce work quantity to accommodate fuel cost increases
- Confirmation letter from match funders adequate. BLF satisfied if SCBF provide written commitment over next 3 years.
- SRDP – tight due to 6 month BLF deadline 30 Nov 08.
- Can't proceed with any BLF project work until whole match funding secured, or else work completed won't be paid by BLF.
- Cancel chainsaw training – DL

Highland Land Fund (HLF) standard evaluation of progress 5 years after land purchase (SCWP).

- 5 yearly review process funded by HLF.
- Time required spent talking to consultant contractor.
- Draft evaluation brief supplied by PNoble. Tender for brief mid-July.
- Topics: stakeholder consultation; future management plans; training; employment patterns, etc.
- PN selects consultant independent of SCW

Website – Andrew Elam is able to contribute.

Panels

- Interpretation – BKass. Guidance available Katy Martin
- Map showing path network, features, benches, viewpoints, etc. - DL

3. Events

- Puppet workshops - £250 received from SCBF. Thanks.
- SCW understand this funding will not jeopardise future SCW applications to SCBF.
- Barrow available for carting gear to cabin, as now no vehicle access.

4. Finance

Received £1002.70 SFGS for leaflets, grass cutting.

8. Shelter

- The Bridge shelter due for completion 17 June.

9. AOCB

- PChristie provided details of native broadleaved tree species to replace roadside conifers at Milton. Approved in principle, final species choice to be agreed.
- SLamont – asked if possibility of developing fitness trail in School wood. Future plan.
- Next meeting 14 July 2008, 7:30pm, Farr Hall

SCWP Action Log					
No	Date	Issue	Action	Responsible	When
2	12/11/07	Info panels	Ideas to be developed	J Elam B Kass	10/12
4			Manual to be sent to BK	D Thompson	Asap
9		2008 Events	Events to be booked with Marion	D Thompson	
10			Other ideas please to Davy	All	
12		Cabin	Treatment to prevent weathering to be considered	P Christie	summer
13			Remove wood from underneath	Volunteer wrk	soonest
14			Replace wood ramp with earthen one	BLF application	
15			School Wd	Reset marker posts	Volunteer wrk
22	11/02/08	Website	Website owner needed	DL see Andrew Elam	
23		Fire beaters	Storage rack School car park	Volunteer wk	
24			5 more beaters - Milton	D Longden	March
26		BLF	Contact new match funders	J Elam	
27			Ask MM if any additions?	D Thompson	
30			Review original IMF cost sheet	ALL	By next mtg.
31	12/05/08	Maps	Schematic maps	DL	July
32		Forest Plan	Discuss feasibility with Cameron Ross	DL	July
33		Chainsaw training	Currently booked. To be cancelled	DL	

	Events	
16 July	Treasure Hunt – School	Katy Martin HC Ranger
13 Sep	Cinema under the stars – School	Katy Martin HC Ranger
4 Oct	Fungi Day	Katy Martin HC Ranger

Donald Longden, 13 July 2008