

Steering Committee

Minutes

**of meeting held in The Magnus House
at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December**

Present	Apologies	In Attendance
Graeme Scott	Peter Masheter	Andrew Leaver
John Graham	Mark Hedderwick	Gavin Cormack
Alisdair Stewart	Lara McDonald	Richard Clarkson
Calum Fraser		
Steve Byford		

Item	Action
<p>1 Minutes of meeting of 2nd November The minutes were approved by and Lara McDonald seconded by Alisdair Stewart.</p>	
<p>2 Matters arising from the minutes → Company Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graeme Scott to collect new completed form from Mark Hedderwick. 	G Scott
<p>3 Proposal to request contribution from SSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from the Kilmorack Hall Committee, Callum MacPherson and Euan Fraser attended the meeting to discuss a joint letter with Aigas Community Forest and Kilmorack Community Council to Scottish and Southern Energy to ask for possible funding towards the Kilmorack Hall as well as Aigas Community Forest. • The Hall Committee feel that a letter sent to SSE now, requesting funds would strategically be beneficially to all parties due to the imminent decision being made by the Scottish Government on the Beaully to Denny enquiry. • Steve Byford, Chair of the Kilmorack Community Council expressed concerns as the KCC had held a number of meetings with Aggregate Industries and Lovat Estates regarding the Balblair Substation at the Balblair quarry and subsequent to these meetings an agreement 'in principle' for these parties has been made to relocate the current substation and intended expansion of the substation. • Kilmorack Community Council has written to six MSP's in the area and John Farquar Munro MSP had written to SSE on behalf of KCC, Aggregate Industries and Lovat Estates requesting a meeting with SSE to discuss these 'in principle' proposals. • Both, Kilmorack Hall Committee and Aigas Community Forest therefore decided that the timing of a joint letter to SSE at this stage was not prudent. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Byford agreed to inform both Aigas Community Forest and the Kilmorack Hall Committee of progress on the proposed talks with SSE. 	
4	<p>Bell Ingram</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graeme Scott and Andrew Leaver were made aware that the Aigas Forest feasibility study produced by Bell Ingram strongly resembled a study by Doreen MacIntyre and Munro Gauld for the Kilfinan Community Forest Committee. After discussions at the ACF Committee meeting with other members of the committee everyone was in agreement that both were similar but were satisfied that Bell Ingram had conducted a thorough and in depth study of Aigas Forest and that the details in their feasibility study were accurate. 	
5	<p>Fundraising and PR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussions about fundraising will be looked at and decided on at the next meeting in January, possibility of creating small groups to look at specific areas of fundraising. John Graham advised other committee members that the Aigas Community Forest website can now accept volunteers details to be logged and can be enabled to accept funds and notify of fund raising activities and forthcoming events. Andrew Leaver to contact Beauy and Glens Trust for possible donation. The committee agreed that once FCS had announced the decision with respect to the purchase of the Aigas Forest by Aigas Community Forest that a newsletter should be sent out to the community telling them of the decision as well as the possibilities of asking for fundraisers and contributions. 	A Leaver
6	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no AOCB. 	

Chair		Date	
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