



Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Zoom at 1800 on 26th March 2021.

Present

Peter Smith PS
John Graham JG
Madeleine Robinson MR
Neil Valentine NV
Graeme Scott GS
David Garvie DG
Andrew Leaver AL

In Attendance

Helge Hansen HH

Apologies

Phil Masheter PM
Chloe Denerley CD
Russell Ross RR

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The meeting had been called specifically to consider the revised recommendation from the Short Term Working Group on Equipment. This recommendation along with the ACF Projected 10yr Cash Flow Statements prepared by GS had been circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to move forward with the recommendation. PM and RR had previously stated their support for the recommendation and CD had stated that she would support whatever decision was made.

It was agreed that planning was needed to develop new income streams to safeguard the long term future of ACF.

The meeting was closed at 18.12.



Equipment Upgrade

Executive Summary and Recommendation

The short term working group was convened for the purpose of considering any upgrade to the forestry equipment to benefit the management of the forest and support of the volunteers.

After discussion of the options available, it is proposed to the Board that we now purchase a medium sized tractor with front loader, four way bucket, forks with timber grab finger, trailer and flail mower. This would make use of existing equipment; forest trailer, winch, bucket and provide support for wood processing, firewood delivery, path maintenance and creation and forestry extraction(4wd). It would also have the benefit of use by all our volunteers after familiarisation. New was favoured over used due to 2 year warranty, HSE requirements, low fuel consumption, TMR and stage IIIa emissions compliance considerations.

- Lovol Gen III tractor fitted with front loader with euro fittings and four way bucket, to include cab with heater and aircon, three point linkage, PTO, hydraulic spools and air brakes for trailers, Euro fit forklift attachment, Fork lift timber finger (Igland) and hydraulic trailer hitch*. £20257 plus vat
 - Cartabouta six ton tipping trailer with extension sides and air brakes.
Double axle 6.2cu metre capacity £6508 plus vat
 - Deleks offset flail mower £2633 plus vat
- Total Cost £29,398 plus vat**

The trailer we identified has the benefit of 6.2cu m load space and air brakes which are a consideration on our forest roads with a full load. Underbody kit if needed £1263. This would be an aftermarket fitting. This would depend on usage and experience.