



Agenda 6.30 pm 25 August 2024 via Zoom	Subject	Papers
Welcome	Sara welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting and introduced the board and staff to the invitees.	
Apologies	Charlie Collins	
Present	Sara Maclean, Peter Macallister Hall, John McNaughton, Chris Leigh, Fiona Hamilton Iain Waugh, Ros McGhee Invited: Charles Dixon-Spain (Community Council) Amie Dow (Community Development Officer for Bute and Cowal)	
Declaration of Interests		
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed: JM Seconded: KM	
Matters Arising	All action points carried out.	
Place Plan	Amie introduced herself and her background. She has set up a land management network organisation for community organisations who own or lease land with the purpose of recreational, deer and forestry management. Funders are looking for organisations to work together. Software Console (another name will be given) is being developed by A&B Council for organisations to upload projects they are working on and what their needs are. The database will allow funders to see if they are able to support. She is willing to come and meet to discuss how she can help. Charles gave the background to the Community Council's and CMWFT's involvement in the Place Plan. The CC has started working with ABCAN who is facilitating community consultation. The Place Plan can influence planning policy and will be useful for the community to develop and deliver its own projects. The plan needs to be submitted by June 25 and include 28-day consultation on the draft. A short-life steering group is being set up to drive forward the local place plan. This should tie in with the renegotiation with Scottish Power for the wind farm community benefit. SM thanked AD and CDS for attending.	Agenda item for next meeting on joint community investment in wind farms.
Admin and Finance Reports	Reports will be available for next meeting.	

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<b>Projects</b>	<p><b>Connect Glendaruel.</b> CLLD application was unsuccessful but other funding is available and applications are being worked on with input from Ros.</p> <p><b>Food project &amp; gardener recruitment.</b> SEED fund application will be decided next week. Douglas Wilson will finish at the end of August. On Amber's return from holiday decision will be made on the remaining hours and how to fill them.</p> <p><b>Stronafian Forest LTFP</b> Ian Dow to be asked about having an area of the forest officially designated as Rainforest. Archaeology event has been organised by Debbie Kirkby funded by Archaeology Scotland. CL has to produce a final report to CMWFT for previous funding. LTFP - Nature Scot and Community Council have been consulted as statutory consultates. CGDT, as landlords and owners of the ground, is yet to have input or agree to Silviculture's proposals. This should tie in with the Place Plan. A single issue meeting will be arranged.</p> <p><b>Warmer ColGlen 2.</b> The official end date is end September. RM has fewer residents' meetings. If Inspiralba took over management the area could be expanded but they would still be available to the ColGlen area. End of project report required for end September. Extension for 6 months has been agreed. Glendaruel Village Hall application has gone into SSEN for solar panels. Approximately three weeks to wait for decision. Energy Local has come to a natural conclusion as Milton Burn hydro doesn't feed enough properties at the moment and there are smart meter signal problems, though there may be potential in future. RM and IW were thanked for all their work.</p>	<p>KM to put together marketing paragraph for future lease of polytunnel</p> <p>SM to invite Iain Dow to meet with us in the forest in October.</p>
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<b>DONM</b>	<b>Wednesday, 25th September via Zoom</b>	