



Agenda Items 11 October '23 (via Zoom)	Minute	Actions
Welcome	CR welcomed everyone	
Apologies		
Present	Cathleen Russell, Sara Maclean, John McNaughton, Kirsty McLuckie, Chris Leigh, Fiona Hamilton Amber Lasic, Charlie Collins, Ros McGhee	
Declaration of Interests	No new declarations	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minute of previous meeting Proposed: KM Seconded: SM	
Matters Arising	Policies up on website. CL Quotes for fencing. CC - contractors are too busy to quote the work especially after recent flooding. Agreed to buy the materials and ask CC to carry out the work. Website - is it now working? CL SSE - FH - no response from SSE contact yet. Awaiting general enquiry number to phone as the online enquiry form is not relevant for our enquiry. Crowd funding - signs for entrances -CL - Funding for Archaeological dig - granted and banked - on agenda	

Admin Report

AL submitted her report for Aug/Sep/Oct

Prince's Countryside Fund has agreed to extend funding for part-time Gardner until Aug 24.

Cruach Mhor applications

- Staff are now working 15 hours per week funded by CMWFT. A quarter of the amount requested has been received
- Application not yet submitted for refurbishment of donated container

Housing Survey

- 34 resident responses
 - 11 non-resident responses
 - 2 business responses

Far more responses are needed in order to have a strong enough data to support the affordable housing project. Housing Advocate Ros McGhee will attend Warm Hubs to help with completion of survey online, or distribute paper copies. It was agreed to invoice Inspiralba for additional STF payroll costs.

ColGlen Affordable Housing

The ColGlen Affordable Housing project will be the first project to be project managed using Prince2 methodology - initial documents are in the process of being drafted and will be distributed when ready.

We have an affordable housing advisory group who are overdue a meet - we will attempt to organise an online meeting within the next 2 weeks.

It is proposed that the community consultation process should begin as soon as the housing survey is completed, and that there should be a minimum of 3 in-person community consultations held within the next year, one every 4 months (Feb/Jun/Oct).

An email campaign to the membership is set for Wednesday, 11th October, two weeks prior to the first event on the 25th October.

Warm Space with Food & Friends

The Warm Space Winter 23-24 confirmed schedule is so far is as follows:

25th October - Colintrave

1st November - Glendaruel

8th November - Glendaruel

15th November - Colintrave

22nd November - Colintrave

29th November - Glendaruel

6th December - Colintrave

13th December - Glendaruel

CR to send CMWT paperwork to AL

AL to investigate Home Argyll list

All to send suggestions to AL on how to maximise attendance and outreach.

Financial
Update

For the month until August 2023 accounts **balanced**. Total Expenditure for the month: **£ 3,228.73**

Total Income for the month: **£ 1,091.00**

At the beginning of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account was at:

£ 24,664.37

At the end of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account is at **£ 22,526.64**

For the month until September 2023 accounts **balanced**. Total Expenditure for the month: **£ 2,756.80**

Total Income for the month: **£ 16,917.10**

At the beginning of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account was at:

£ 22,526.64

At the end of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account is at **£ 36,686.94**

For the month until October 2023 accounts **balanced**. Total Expenditure for the month: **£3,389.10**

Total Income for the month: **£ 1,635.00**

At the beginning of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account was at:

£ 36,686.94

At the end of the period the Trust's Treasurer's Account is at **£ 34,932.84**

Current Treasurer's Account Balance: **£ 34,932.84**

2022-2023 Annual Accounts

The 2022-23 year financial information was submitted to Ross & Co. and confirmation of receipt and acknowledgement of work given.

AGM suggested for Sunday, January 14, Glendaruel Village Hall, 2 pm.

Liability Insurance Review Form

CGDT Insurance Brokers, Keegan and Pennykid, require us to complete a liability review form to ensure that we have everything covered.

A summary of project expenses was presented and list of potential funding sources.

KM will look into funding for LLCW

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Project Updates	<p>Stronafian Forest - Archaeology - the recent dig went well but last few days were a wash out. Some items of interest were found. A report on the project is awaited from Archaeology Scotland.</p> <p>Stronafian Forest - Felling plan - CC is working on path and boardwalk maintenance, especially since the recent weather. Recent meeting with contractors who are about to start harvesting until mid 2024. It won't affect existing path network at the moment. Hope is to get path extended to 'dark skies' area. Damage after recent flooding needs to be assessed.</p> <p>Polytunnel and Pop-up Market - things are still growing, but not a lot. Suggestions sought for how to get them sold.</p> <p>Update on LLCW - KM & FH had recently walked some sections to check any updates required for reprint of the guide book. CC requested to carry out repairs identified using money received from sales of book. Funding will be sought and connections with other communities.</p> <p>Warmer ColGlen - RM submitted a summary. She is still helping households to access funding for insulation etc.. IW had attended Cares Conference and Community Energy Conference. InspirAlba visited with good discussion. Foodbank connections have been made but no requests for assistance have been received. Information will be going out soon with food bank information and food and energy funding. There is interest in community purchase for solar PV. RM investigating funding possibilities Business Energy could be interested in coming if numbers justified. Contact to be made with NFUS</p> <p>IW is mapping Smart Meter coverage. Not having smart meters limits number of tariffs available. 10 cosy kits will be available for distribution.</p> <p>25 households have engaged with the project via visit, phone call, email or message. Request for a letter box for CGDT also at Glendaruel Hall. RM will make a feedback form to help inform any improvements.</p>	
Governance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Application to CMWT successful for funding for General Manager and Forest Ranger costs 	
Correspondence	<p>Request to clear part of LLCW - response will be drafted and sent.</p> <p>Request to gather seeds etc from Forest - draft response agreed to ensure governance is followed.</p> <p>Kyles Coastal Communities (Tighnabruaich, ColGlen & Bute) request for consideration - sea grass project is being driven by KCC, looking at water quality in first instance. Tighnabruaich Primary are carrying out survey to see how many households are discharging untreated sewerage into the Kyles. This information will help any possible funding opportunities. To be discussed further via email.</p> <p>West Cowal Forest Restoration - agreement required to draft response via email.</p> <p>All Trails app - shows none of the paths in our area.</p>	<p>All to respond to email discussion</p> <p>All to reply with comments or agreement</p> <p>All to investigate</p>
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DONM	<p>November - Glendaruel</p> <p>December - Colintrave</p>	