

Colglen Growers

Minutes 2nd July

Present: Martin, Robert, Danielle, Danuta, Fiona H, Kate, Anne L, Kirsty , Jelena, Sara, Caroline.

Apologies: Linda, Cathy, Liz, Sandra, Morag, Annie, Charles.

Minutes were proposed by Danuta and 2nded by Anne Lamb.

1. Charles DS sent a statement communicating that the Hub project is now going for the 1st phase of Big Lottery funding after August so there is more time to consult. Sandra has been collecting feedback. Robert reported that the feedback is largely positive as long as the access to the p/tunnel is maintained. Although the architect concerned with designing the hub questioned the view of the p/tunnel, there is no likelihood at this stage that it will be moved. The new application will have a 6-9 month deadline. Sara has been asked to provide a figure if the p/tunnel needed to be replaced. Robert suggested that compensation, in that case, might be due to individual growers. Sara will forward Charles's communication.
2. Membership. We have a couple of beds unused but allocated which haven't been paid for. Kirsty will check with owners if they are still wanted.
3. Finance. Last statement dated 29/04/16 totalled £3811.42 including £999 wind farm grant. Since then we have also paid for the tea towels. Kirsty, Anne McP and Sara need to complete forms to remove Anne as a signatory and include Robert.
4. Marketing. Jelena has produced the tea towels and the group thanked her for her hard work. They cost £3.50 to produce and will sell for £6 or 2 for £10. We also have 100 mugs (thanks to Fiona H), one of which has been given to Donald Russell as a thank you. They will sell at £4 each. We hope to sell them at the Christmas Fayre and our Harvest lunch, plus possibly school tearooms. Harvest lunch dates to be decided next meeting.
5. Colintraive fete will have veg competition, Sara will let us know the categories.
6. Website: Aim is to keep it going and use it more so that it is a resource for people who aren't members. The minutes and details of the tea towels and mugs should go on the website.
7. Updates. We have £1000 between the two tunnels that needs to be spent on upgrading. The plumbing has been done in the glen but the Colintraive threshold work has been delayed by bad weather. Martin suggested a ballcock in the main tank. Sara suggested a budget for maintenance ie paying someone to strim 2 or 3 times a year and this was agreed.
8. Date of next meeting 13/08/16 Glendaruel. 2pm.