

<p>3 NFLS application and community ballot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The supplementary community ballot was held with a closing date of 19th October. Of 86 potential voters 50 returned ballot with 45 voting Yes and 5 voting No. • The result of the full ballot is therefore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Papers issued 321 ○ Papers returned 209 ○ Percentage return 65.1% ○ Voting Yes 195 ○ Voting No 12 ○ Spoilt 2 ○ Percentage Yes 93.3% • NFLS have accepted the ballot and declared the application eligible. All paperwork is currently on the NFLS site for consultation. • A NFLS panel member, Diane Gilbert, will make a site visit at 1.00pm on 17th November. • The panel will meet to discuss the application on 10th December. 	
<p>4 Fundraising and PR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was general discussion around Fundraising and PR plans. • There are 3 main sources of funds to be investigated in advance of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government / public e.g. Big Lottery Fund, Scottish Land Fund SRDP. Some of these funds have been cut due to demands from the Olympics, the recession and Scottish Government policy. Graeme Scott and John Graham to investigate the current position of all Government / public funds. ○ Charitable Trusts – there are hundreds of corporate and family charitable trusts that may provide support. There are books published which list the aims and objectives of these trusts and in some cases identify the Trustees. Andrew Leaver to use these books to identify a number of trusts to approach for funds. Andrew also to identify the trustees and if possible personal contact to be made with these individuals. ○ Community fundraising – this will be a relatively small source of funds but important as it engages the community and encourages members to take ownership and also because many larger funders will expect to see community support. Steve Byford, Alisdair Stewart, Peter Masheter to provide a list of ideas for community fundraising. • Other points made in relation to fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lara McDonald offered to ask attendees at the CWA conference and Cliff Beck at Highland 	<p>G Scott / J Graham</p> <p>A Leaver</p> <p>S Byford / A Stewart / P Masheter</p>

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	<p>Birchwoods for their experience of fundraising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phil Knott offered to speak to the Aigas Field Centre fundraiser to see what advice she can provide. ○ Gavin Cormack offered to investigate any educational grants that may be available. ○ Steve Byford noted that a small bank loan may be possible. This could be considered if fundraising does not meet target. ○ It was agreed to approach fundraising consultants to see what services they can offer. ○ Andrew Leaver to include a donation form in the next Newsletter. ○ Need to get Charitable Status in order to claim Gift Aid contribution from Inland Revenue. ○ Need to consider what happens to any donations if the target is not met and the forest is not purchased. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● John Graham reported that the logo is still under development. ● Andrew Leaver suggested recruiting ‘champions’ – well known and respected individuals who could provide letters and other forms of support. Champions could be themed around the NFLS aims of social, economic and environmental benefits. This idea to be investigated further. ● Andrew Leaver stressed the importance of defining the Aigas Community Forest message and John Graham highlighted the need to identify something that will set ACF apart from other organisations seeking funds. 	
6	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phil Knott will be spending the winter in the Seychelles. Phil’s position on the Steering Committee will be filled by Richard Clarkson. 	

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Summary of Actions from Meeting		
Ref	Action	Person Responsible
13/1	Collect signatures from Mark Hedderwick and Peter Masheter and return Companies House paperwork to Douglas Graham at Macleod and MacCallum.	Graeme Scott
13/2	Contact DVS. FCS and Bell Ingram to restart the valuation process.	Andrew Leaver
13/3	Request a copy of the full report on Pine-tree Lappet Moth from FCS.	Andrew Leaver
13/4	Investigate and report on Government and public funding sources.	Graeme Scott John Graham
13/5	Investigate and report on family and corporate charitable trusts.	Andrew Leaver
13/6	Provide a list of community fundraising opportunities.	Steve Byford Alisdair Stewart Peter Masheter
13/7	Seek information from CWA conference attendees and Highland Birchwoods on their experience of fundraising.	Lara McDonald
13/8	Identify what if any support the Aigas Field Centre fundraiser is able to provide.	Phil Knott

Chair	Date