

Final Minutes for Maryculter Woodlands Trust Meeting on Thursday 8th March.

Finance. The account stands at £27,003.00

The following payments were made:

1. Eastland Foresters invoice for brushcutting of spruce on flanks of Oldman Hill (£2160, incl VAT)
2. Rob Robertson invoice for mulching of larch path (£2241.60, incl VAT)

Known Liabilities

1. Access at Eastland Lodge. Approx. £1000 plus Vat. Nigel suggested a small gift to the contractor (<£30) if the invoice is substantially under this amount
2. Forest Road £20,000
3. Orchard/tree nursery £4050 for construction + £1080 for plants
4. Signs £130.00

Known Income

1. Vat reclaim on invoices for Eastland Foresters and Rob Robertson (£360 + £373.60)
2. Timber Sales to come
3. Giftaid claim
4. Donations. Hazel and Kees Witte would like to make a very generous donation of £2000

Projects

1. New Forest Road. Alan Whiteford will be returning on Monday 12th March to start the road foundations.
2. Lower (Burnside) Road: Still waiting for quotation from Alan Whiteford. We will need to save any plants which are in danger of being damaged when the road is scraped. The gate and notice board are to be re-instated once the road is finished.
3. Mulching (new path through the sitka spruce below Pulpit Rock). The Board agreed to set aside £2,000 to cover this project.
4. Thinning Licence. Action: Meet with Bill Munro to confirm that thinning in the SW stand of spruce is not worthwhile at this stage.
5. Orchard. Nothing to report.
6. Main drainage ditch. Action: Ed & Nigel to check if AWPR would donate a pipe to replace the one damaged when the road was scraped by Alan Whiteford.

Events

1. March work party. We will plant trees this month. **Action:** Ed & Nigel to arrange.
2. Quiz night. Inga will arrange date with Ann but it will probably be 28th March in the Church Hall. **Action:** Inga
3. 22nd April is Earth Day and could be a good tree planting event. Inga has wood supplies which need to be taken up to the fire pit if we want to use it on the day. **Action:** Ed to create flyer for event
4. **Action:** David to see if Lairhillock School would be interested in some tree planting to celebrate Earth Day. Perhaps run an event for them on Monday 23rd. April

AOB

1. Applications are open for Scotland's Finest Woods Awards. Deadline end March. Timing is too early for us, but we would be in a good position for next year, given all the activity planned for this year.
2. For info, the proposed outdoor centre in Durriss is out for public consultation. Run by North East Trail Centre Organisation (NETCO). Project aims to raise £10 million.
3. We have been approached by a planner to see if we would consider using the wood for offset planting for a development. We do not think that this is allowed as we are already zoned as woodland – have passed the details on to Derek Cowie who might benefit instead.

Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd April or Thursday 5th April, to be decided.

Inga's house at 8pm.