

# Evanton Wood Community Company

## Minutes of AGM

27<sup>th</sup> October 2011

In Diamond Jubilee Hall, 7:30pm

In Attendance – 20 Members signed in.

Apologies: David & Padmolka Smith, Janey Clarke, Leslie Logan.

1. Minute of previous AGM of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were accepted. Proposed by Douglas Wilson (DW), seconded by Christine Hamilton (CH)
2. Adrian Clark as chairperson gave a report on the activities of the company since the previous AGM. This was based on the document 'EWCC Chair Report to AGM of 27 Oct 2011' plus illustrations.
3. The accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 were accepted. (Proposed CH, seconded DW).
4. The subscription charges were agreed as £5 ordinary, £3 associate and £1.50 junior. The possibility of a three-year subscription period will be examined by the board, as will the possibility of life membership, as at Findhorn.
5. The following directors will continue on the board: Adrian Clark, Janey Clarke, Douglas Wilson, and Christine Hamilton. Keith Kennedy is stepping down. Penny Gray, previously co-opted, was elected to the board (nominated AC, seconded CH). Kennie McCusker, duly nominated in advance, was elected to the board. Diane Baude de Bunnetat continues as a co-opted director. This leaves 2 potential vacancies for co-opted directors.
6. A Question and answer session followed (attached)

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## **Question and answer session AGM 27.10.11**

Are the board meeting dates emailed to the members?

No. Adrian suggested fixing the dates of board meetings.

How long will Novar wait?

They haven't, as shown by the thinning operation. Novar have been approached for the purchase of part of the wood. Thinning operations due to start in November; the estate are expected to keep core paths open.

Change in purchase price?

The previous valuation was £295K and the new valuation is 340k. The purchase price of the wood is currently 300k, a discount from the new valuation.

When is the application to HLF due?

25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Decision is due in March 2012.

Japanese knotweed?

Novar are aware of the problem. It must be dug out, not cut or burned. The roots can be 1.5m deep. Alternatively, treatment with roundup for a period of three years is effective.

Motorbiking?

We need policies for this and other issues.

Does the five year plan include changes to the pond?

The original plan was to increase pond size and remove some trees. Simon Cohen and Murdo MacDonald recommended removal of surrounding beech trees.

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