

ACTION POINTS FROM CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MEETING

TEAMS Video Conference, Wednesday 9 December 2021

Attendees: Doug Howieson SF (Chair), Lindsay Bisset SF, Ian Cowe SF (Secretariat), Charlie Taylor Forestry & Land Scotland, Keith Wishart SF, Keir Smith SF, Martin Mackinnon SF, Jamie Farquhar Confor, Andrew Vaughan ICF, Gordon Gray Stephens Community Woodland Association, Rodney Shearer Confor (Nursery Group), Arina Russell Scottish Environment LINK, Jim Colchester Confor, Harry Wilson RSFS, Mark Hamilton Social Forestry, Andy Tharme Scottish Borders Council, Karen Ramoo Scottish Land and Estates, Ben Law SRUC, Duncan Stone NatureScot, Andrew Weatherall Scottish Environment LINK, John Gorman SEPA.

Apologies: David Hetherington CNPA.

1. Previous Meeting Minute

Note of the Aug 2021 meeting was accepted with no changes.

2. Future Meeting Schedule

Dates for future meetings were agreed as:-

7th April 2022
11th August 2022
8th December 2022

3. Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

- SF to circulate a summary of the Forestry Briefing provided to the Environment Minister Lorna Slater.

Group Membership

- SF to approach Tom Turnbull and/or Colin Sneddon to represent Deer Management Group interests on the CRG.

Rhododendron in Scotland's Rainforest

- Rainforest Alliance representatives to ask how the CRG can help support this initiative.
- Progress to be reported to the CRG when and as appropriate.

Forestry Grant Scheme

- SF to reaffirm with staff that allowing variations to bring work into 2021 is desirable.
- SF to share best practice examples of schemes with short approval times.
- SF to distribute data on Conifer/Native woodland creation planting proportions.
- SF to distribute FGS Summary Statistics on Approval, Submitted and Pre-submitted applications broken down by Option and Conservancy.
- SF to review use/distribution of the FGS nursery reports.

CRG sub group feedback and discussion

- CRG Standing Agenda Item - Sub-groups to report to the CRG each meeting.

4. A.O.B.

FGS Harvesting & Processing Grant Applications

- SF to promote the forthcoming H&P application submission deadline.
- SF to promote additional application rounds earlier to allow applicants to plan ahead.