agreement in place was adequate and that approval from the Duchess Wood Committee would suffice.

Joanna Urquhart informed the Committee that staff training was underway and that assessments would soon be undertaken. She thanked both Charlie Cairns and Stuart McCracken for all the help and advice they had provided.

The Chair requested clarification from Stuart McCracken that there were no major maintenance issues which needed to be addressed and he affirmed there were none.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- one aimed at schools may be of more use may be of more use in relation to encouraging use of Duchess Wood;

  3. That the Education Sub-Group would schedule a further meeting prior to the Duchess Wood Committee meeting in May and provide

report for the May Committee meeting

That Charlie Cairns would provide a response to the other issues raised for the May Committee meeting.

That FODW would provide a detailed proposal for the All-abilities path for the May meeting.

That the Chair would make contact with Iain Wilkinson, Luss Estates regarding the potential for the future ownership of Duchess Wood lying with the community.

# (c) COMMUNICATION ABOUT EVENTS

An event had recently been held that most of the Committee were not aware had been planned.

### **Decision**

Stuart McCracken re-affirmed the previously agreed procedure, and that he would notify FODW when an events pack had been received that involved Duchess Wood.

## 6. EVENTS

## (a) FAIRY TALE WOODS PROPOSAL - UPDATE

The Committee heard an update from Robert Bell, West Highland Photography regarding the proposal for a Fairy Tale lighting event in Duchess Wood.

He reported that things were progressing well and he was meeting with Argyll Voluntary Action in regards fund-raising. A Committee has been formed and this includes – a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 other Committee Members.

Discussion followed and Robert Bell confirmed that there would be only 1 entry point to the attraction. Stewards would be in situ and the lighting company would provide further security.

The Chair thanked Robert Bell for his informative update.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- 1 To note the update.
- 2 That if the event was scheduled to commence in October 2015, then Robert Bell would attend the May Committee meeting with a full Business Plan.

# 7. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Amenit

which local pupils between 16-17 were looking to volunteer in the local area. This would be both in school time and out with school hours and she asked the Committee to email her with any ideas.

Morevain Martin pointed out that local boards were being implemented for Integration and Partnership Funding and highlighted the considerable budget available. She emphasised that the Green Gym was a good example of effective partnership working. She would provide further detail to the Committee

The Chair informed the Committee of a John Muir Day which would be celebrated in April 2015. She advised that there was Film Festival planned at the Tower.

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