



The Committee heard from Ailsa Cunningham who advised that the Council is in

In regard to the Terms of Reference it was noted that the Council can act without decision from the Committee if the matter relates to safety.

The Committee noted that the priority should be to get access made available for the School. All were in agreement that the way forward is to ensure that the Committee is kept up to date with all information.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

1. That a request would be made on behalf of the Committee to the Council for a

this could entail and advised the Friends of Duchess Woods to make contact with them to discuss.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to endorse the contents of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Friends of Duchess Woods Secretary, Martin Grafton)

## **6. UPDATE ON WIAT FUNDING**

Mhairi Gardiner, Development Officer gave a brief verbal update on the position with the current applications. As noted previously an application has been submitted to assist with the costs of the remedial works required in the Wood. Mhairi advised that the Council has also submitted an application for Sustainable Management of Forest Funding and that this was an annual payment of £1119.90 covering the period from 2010 to 2024. It was noted that funding awards were retrospective.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the update and that updates would be provided to future meetings.

(Ref: Verbal Update from Economic Development Officer)

## **7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Stewart Campbell advised of a request from Network Rail to put some of the tree cuttings from work around the West Highland Line across in the Duchess Wood. It was noted that the Council was happy with the proposed action.

Simon Stuart provide the Committee with a brief overview of the work carried out by the Royal Scottish Forestry Society. He advised of an ongoing project whereby they hoped to have a network of around 150 areas of wood across different areas to enable good practice to be shared around different types of woodland models. He noted that there were many different types of models with woodlands across the country. The Society would come to visit woods and have a discussion around the management arrangements and the type of woodland. It would be the intention to then revisit the woods after a period of 5 or 10 years to see how the management plans are working. The aim is to spread knowledge across Scotland.

It was agreed to invite Simon to a future meeting once the Wood has been reopened.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the DWLNRC would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10.30am within either the Lomond School or Helensburgh & Lomond Civic Centre.