

Glengarry Community Woodlands

The Old Forestry Depot

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With the recent availability of surplus Forest and Land Scotland land at Ardochy, the board of Glengarry Community Woodlands (GCW) are keen to express their support for the community acquisition of additional woodlands in the interest of addressing local shortfall in the availability of affordable housing and small scale land tenancy.

In early 2019, before the involvement of the Woodland Crofts Partnership and HSCHT, a series of public meetings were organised by GCW with the purpose of identifying possible projects which would fit in with community ownership of the available land at Ardochy. After considering several options it was decided that developing part of the plot for both affordable housing and woodland crofts would be within the capacity of the community to manage while providing the maximum benefit for the community.

In light of this work the 3 questions put to the community at the public meeting (Nov 2019) were considered by the GCW board. It was agreed by all board members that:

- 1) Further woodland should be acquired by the community.
- 2) Such woodland should be used in the creation of woodland crofts.
- 3) Such woodland crofts should be made available to both local families and families from outside the area.

From the interest expressed at the public meeting and information provided by WCP on national interest in acquiring crofts the board's feeling is that there would be no difficulty in finding suitable tenants for the number of crofts being considered at Ardochy. Additionally, considering the current limited affordable housing available in Glengarry, the board is in favour of also acquiring part of this land for the development of affordable housing plots.

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On behalf of Glengarry Community Woodlands.