

# **ACTION POINTS FROM CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MEETING**

## **TEAMS Video Conference, Wednesday 11 August 2022**

**Attendees:** Brendan Callaghan SF (Chair), Lindsay Bisset SF, Ian Cowe SF (Secretary), Colin Hossack Forestry & Land Scotland, April Armstrong Confor, Andrew Vaughan ICF, Gordon Gray Stephens Community Woodland Association, Arina Russell Scottish Environment LINK, Jim Colchester Confor, Harry Wilson RSFS, Mark Hamilton Social Forestry, Karen Ramoo Scottish Land and Estates, Ben Law SRUC, Duncan Stone NatureScot, Tom Turnbull Association of Deer Management Groups, Juli Titherington Scottish Forestry (part meeting).

**Apologies:** Andrew Weatherall Scottish Environment LINK, John Gorman SEPA, David Hetherington CNPA, Keith Wishart SF, Andy Tharme Local Authorities.

### **1. Future Meeting Schedule**

Dates for future meetings were agreed as:-

8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **2. Meeting Notes & Action Points**

#### Action Points Carried Forward

- i) **Rhododendron in Scotland's Rainforest:** Progress to be reported to the CRG (GGS).
- ii) **FGS Applications:** SF to share best practice examples of schemes with short approval times.
- iii) **Inter-agency co-operation:** benefits of closer working relationships to be promoted to staff, consideration to be given to the production of best practice examples for HES, SEPA, NatureScot & SF (**JG & BC**).

#### Welcome, Introductions & Agenda

- **Finance for Woodland Restoration:** Consideration to be given to forming a small discussion group with fisheries input. Group to consider how to access private funding coming in for riparian woodland management. (**DS/GGS/AR/KR**)

#### CRG Sub-group Updates

- *P. ramorum*: CRG to contact James Nott in regard to the Scottish Tree Health Advisory Group to discuss how the forum can evolve, to create more discussion and change focus to share best practice with landowners/managers tackling *P. ramorum*. (**IC**)
- Output of *P. ramorum* Action Plan review to be summarised **AA/AV/JC**.

#### Deer Control on Protected Sites

- SF at December meeting (where it can) to share work from wider SG groups/initiatives e.g. Deer Working Group, Deer Report response, feedback on any strategy development or formation of new working groups (**BC**).
- Promote best practice in woodland regeneration without fencing (**AI**)

- Promote an increase in maintenance commitment for management of sensitive sites (**All**)
- Promote action to collate information on existing deer management infrastructure, to feed into any future work/studies on forest management practices not utilising fencing (**All**).

#### Standard Costs and Inflationary Pressures

- SF to further review issue and report on any proposals at December meeting.

#### Continued use of Asulam/Asulox

- Members to provide information on usage to **JT**.