

Glengarry Woodlands

Proposal for Community Purchase

Location



the ideas bag, please add more

Small Art & Craft stalls/units Wood/woodland craft units An archery training school **Secure store for outdoor activity /sports kit (eg canoes/bikes)** *Making wood pellets plus logs for sale* The creation of an activity (eg assault course/paintballing) **Selling house plots for income generation affordable housing** *Setting up small business start-up units (eg technology or printing 'hub')* Allotments for local growers small stalls for local fruit and vegetables *Wood-lots for residents to lease 'Woodland classroom' for all ages* *Nature trail with woodland activities* **Clearing the old wood and regenerating natural woodland** **AN ICONIC ATTRACTION SUCH AS AN ECO TREE HOUSE (RENT IT?)** *Set up a youth club (say, ages 8 – 16)* **Car park for site plus shinty/cemetery overflow** Mountain bike centre (track and bike servicing)

So, what is the big idea?

➤ Employment / Tourism

- ❑ Generating increased employment potential including, but not restricted to, increased provision for tourism

➤ Environment / Education

- ❑ Regenerate beautiful & sustainable, natural, forest
- ❑ Develop outdoor classroom / forest school

➤ Community / Development

- ❑ Small number of affordable housing units
- ❑ Potential for additional parking near cemetery

Employment / Tourism

- Create additional reasons, complimenting the village hall facilities, for tourists to spend more time and money in Invergarry – a “honey pot”
 - ❑ Create an iconic attraction
 - ❑ Create a multi-craft facility

- Direct employment opportunities
 - ❑ Woodland management and supply of wood as a preferred renewable energy source for the village
 - ❑ Support and facilities to encourage set up of new, local businesses

Employment - *direct*

- Native woodland restoration, complimenting existing/proposed renewables programmes
 - ❑ Woodlot licenses
 - ❑ Affordable local wood log supply
 - ❑ Make & sell wood pellets on a wider basis
 - ❑ Allotments with produce for local/tourist markets
 - ❑ Investigate any small scale hydro potential from streams?
 - ❑ Small high-tech business hub to facilitate start-ups for new local business ideas

Employment - via tourism

- Opportunity, complimenting the village hall facilities, for tourists to linger
 - ❑ Create an iconic structure, a cultural & educational landmark, that 'entices' visitors.
 - ❖ Example may be eco-treehouse(s) which can be used for education, be rented out etc.
 - ❑ Multi-craft facility with participation, teaching & purchase opportunities (wet day friendly). Could also include "chainsaw art".
 - ❑ All local crafts could be represented, some participation available
 - ❖ Example may be pottery with the opportunity to make personalised Glengarry plate (suitable for all ages)

Environment / Education

- Regenerate a beautiful & sustainable natural, forest. An outdoor classroom / forest school.
 - Make the woodland work by utilising its resources.
 - ❖ At same time creating a natural & sustainable woodland.
 - ❖ Woodland that is beneficial to and a clear part of the community assets.
 - Use the woodlands as an educational resource for the natural world
 - ❖ For local youngsters & visitors
 - ❖ Compliments the resources of the Heritage Centre.

Community / Development

- A small-scale mixed development complex
 - Utilising flat area (forestry office/workshop) and could include:
 - ❖ couple of affordable eco-housing units
 - ❖ (eco) arts & crafts workshop units
 - ❖ iconic eco-treehouse
 - ❖ parking area for required for these provides option for parking for the cemetery
 - Overall, compliments facilities at the village hall including toilets, cafe, Heritage Centre and adding to the assets of the community
 - ❖ Join together: Already pedestrian access between village hall and proposed development.

We're not alone

- Broadford, Skye 23 ha
- Kilfinan, Argyll 124 ha
- Kirkton, Loch Carron
- Sleat, Skye
- Abriachan Forest Trust, 534 ha
- Ballater, Deeside 0.5 ha
- ABC, Achnacarry, Bunarkaig & Clunes
- Aigas, Lower Strathglass 49 ha (+235 ha)
-and many more

The Ballot

➤ Why are we holding a ballot?

In order for our application to acquire the woodlands to be approved by FCS, it must demonstrate local community support for the purchase through a ballot of local residents. By voting 'NO' the woods will be placed on the open market in the next financial year - for other bodies to develop. By voting 'YES' you will give the steering group an additional 18 months to prepare a detailed business plan and secure funding for the purchase. The deadline for the ballot is: **1st August 2014**

Cost and further info

- The District Valuer has valued the land at £200,000
Importantly however, this will not cost any individuals in the community any money. It is intended that the money be raised from a number of public bodies e.g. Scottish Land Fund 'Big Lottery Fund'
- Further information and a survey for feedback is available at:
<http://www.glengarry.org.uk>