

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Incorporating the Dùn Coilich Project

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Grandtully Hall, Saturday April 17th, 2004, at 4.00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman, Paul Jarvis, welcomed about 21 people to the third AGM of the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust.

1. Apologies: John Allen, Tim Ambrose, Robert Coope, Russell Coope, Kirsty Dickens, Gill Evans, Marjorie Finlayson, Edith Hamilton, Bill and Sue Hoare, Hamish and Elizabeth Nicholson, Dr Walter Yellowlees.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 27th March 2004 (circulated): Approved. Proposed Gordon Evans, seconded Colin Liddell.

3. Report of Trustees' Activities (circulated): The general part of the report was taken as read. Comments on activities were invited but none was received.

4. Election of Trustees: Four Trustees had resigned (Ruth Atkinson, Beryl Coope, Ian Riddell, co-opted, and Innes Smith) as required by the constitution. Beryl Coope and Ian Riddell did not seek re-election. The Chairman thanked them for all they have done since May 2002.

Five valid nominations had been received: Ruth Atkinson, Lynnette Borradaile, Gordon Evans, Marjorie Keddie and Innes Smith. The five were declared elected for a period of three years. They were thanked for standing and welcomed to the Board of Trustees by the Chairman. The new Trustees then stood up in order to make themselves known to members.

The twelve Trustees are: **Ruth Atkinson, Lynnette Borradaile, Gordon Evans, Marjorie Finlayson, Julie Gardiner, William Hoare, Robin Hull, Paul Jarvis, Marjorie Keddie, Hamish Nicholson, Andrew Pointer, Innes Smith.**

5. Fixing the Annual Subscriptions: It was proposed that subscription rates would remain unchanged. Proposed Colin Liddell, seconded Gordon Evans.

6. Approval of Accounts: The accounts, for the period ending 30th November 2003, had been circulated, together with a statement from the Treasurer, Beryl Coope. These accounts were prepared by Tim Ambrose in the form required by Companies House. Additional copies were available if desired. The accounts were approved. Proposed by Robin Hull, seconded by Rosie Hooper.

The Treasurer commented on salient points. The current balance is £9222. ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Areas) payments covering the last two years, totalling £3200, have recently been credited, following a survey by Julie Gardiner. There is now an option to change to the Rural Stewardship Scheme; this option is currently under discussion. Membership had held up well: there are about 120 members. The input from Gift Aid had been good but will be less in future, as this had been claimed for the last two years. The birdathon had been successful in raising money. The cost of the car park plans had been covered by a grant. Many of the running costs are covered by donation. Expenditure included a donation to Robin Hull towards the publication costs of his book on the history of Dun Coilich.

7. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner: Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue and was elected unopposed. Proposed by Margaret Jarvis; seconded by Robin Hull.

8. Any other competent business: The Chairman called attention to the display about the Keltneyburn Hydroscheme and announced that an Extraordinary General Meeting would be called in the near future to put forward a formal proposal to grant a lease for this project on Trust land. All members would be balloted in this respect, in accordance with the Articles of the HPCLT.

The meeting closed at 17.15.