

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Incorporating the Dùn Coilich Project

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Camserney Hall at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 23 March 2013

Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman, Richard Paul, welcomed about 30 people to the eleventh AGM of the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust.

1. Apologies: Tim Ambrose, Colin Liddell, Ben Henderson, James Low, James Shorthouse, Richard Legate, Tim Fison, Rob Coope, Beryl Coope, Keith Griffiths and Fiona Smart, Neil and Rosie Hooper, Colin Mackay, Ian Marshall, Hamish Nicolson, Jimmy Stewart.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2012 (circulated): Approved (proposed by Tric Waite, seconded by Sandra Winter).

3. Matters Arising Robin Hull pointed out that he had previously put forward the idea of Life Membership. He himself would be enthusiastic about giving this to his grandchildren. This suggestion had been discussed by Trustees, who had thought that this might cause an ongoing drain on resources. However, the use of cost-free electronic communication might negate this argument. The matter will be discussed again.

Robin Hull had also suggested previously that joint membership with Breadalbane Heritage Society, a successful local organisation with overlapping aims, would be beneficial; it would increase awareness of HPCLT, which is still low. This will be discussed at the next Trustees' meeting.

4. Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November 2012 (circulated previously): The Chairman presented the Trustees' Report and Accounts comprising the Report on Trustee's Activities and The Independent Financial Examiner's report and Statement of Financial Activities. Tim Ambrose, the Independent Financial Examiner, was thanked for his efforts over many years.

The chairman paid tribute to Paul Jarvis, who died on 5th February. He had been chairman for nine years.

5. Approval of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November 2012: The document was approved as a whole (proposed by Ian Wilkinson, seconded by Bill Hoare).

6. Retirement and Election of Trustees. Two Trustees (Linda Cracknell and Nici Ward) retired during the year and did not seek re-election: They were thanked for their considerable contribution. Richard Paul, Ben Henderson and Andrew Pointer retired and sought re-election. Six vacancies for Trustees existed. Six nominations had been received, all proposed by Richard Paul and seconded by Ian Wilkinson. The six, Ben Henderson, James Low, Richard Paul, Andrew Pointer, Harry Ross, Innes Smith, were elected unanimously. There are now 12 Trustees, with the possibility of co-opting a further three.

The Chairman thanked the 11 Trustees, together with 12 advisors, for support during the year. He also thanked Willie McGhee and Mike Riddell for drafting the Gannochy Trust fund application.

7. Fixing the Annual Subscriptions: It was proposed and agreed that subscription rates would remain unchanged at £10 annually per household.

8. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner: Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue. His re-appointment was proposed by Margaret Jarvis, seconded by Richard Paul and unanimously agreed.

9. Any other competent business. Bill Hoare proposed a vote of thanks to Richard Paul for his hugely effective chairmanship. This was acclaimed with enthusiasm. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.