

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees held on Monday, 4th April 2005, at Duireaskin, Aberfeldy at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Gordon Evans, Julie Gardiner, Robin Hull, Marjorie Keddie, Paul Jarvis (Chairman), Andrew Pointer, Margaret Jarvis (Minutes Secretary).

1. **Apologies:** Lynnette Borradaile, Bill Hoare, Marjorie Finlayson, Hamish Nicholson, Innes Smith.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting on 7th March 2005:** approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** PJ circulated photographs of the RSS scrapes, taken the same morning. There was general satisfaction with the outcome. JG will send the bill for the work from Bill Stewart to the Treasurer for payment. There was some concern about the messy state of the adjacent Glengoulandie land, apparently in the very slow process of being cleaned up.

It was agreed that seeds of appropriate native wetland plants should be sown around the scrapes.

JG reported that she had contacted a farmer who would plough a half hectare for ca £250. The cost of seed would be about £40. JG was asked to proceed with this. **ACTION JG**

AP has some alder saplings which will be suitable for planting in the wet area nearer the road. **ACTION AP**

PJ had previously emailed all trustees saying that Syd House had informed him that the July tree planting would not now be on Dun Coillich because of security concerns. Four other sites had also been rejected. IS and BH will be asked to tell the respective school Heads this development, and to encourage them to take part in tree planting in any case. **ACTION BH and IS**

PJ had recently been sent papers on the Keltneyburn Hydro scheme by Colin Liddell. They have been passed to AP and BH, together with correspondence from Tim Kirkwood. This will be brought to the next meeting after all three have had a chance to look at the papers in detail.

4. **Arrangements for AGM:**

There will be a Treasurer's table manned by Beryl Coope and GE for the collection of subscriptions. GE has raffle tickets for the raffle of a raven brooch presented by Malcolm Appleby. All members on 31st March 2005, and also new members who join at the AGM, will be allocated a ticket. **ACTION GE.**

NOTE: If you still have any spare copies of the last Newsletter with maps, please bring them along for any 'new' members.

Exhibits: There will be tables put out in advance. LB will obtain SNH boards, if possible. **ACTION LB.**

AP will do a general DC exhibit. **ACTION AP.**

Clare Thomas has an archaeological display (LB will deal with this as CT can not be present). **ACTION LB.**

BH may not be present. RH will put up details of proposed walks, with maps, dates and a list for interested participants to sign. **ACTION RH.**

RH will use one table for the survey report, for books, silver ravens, etc. **ACTION RH.**

PJ will have a table and board for display about new developments – the scrapes, mounds etc. **ACTION PJ.**

PJ will contact Jimmy Stuart to check that he will have a display about the Hydroscheme. **ACTION PJ.**

Prior Short Talks (nominal 2 minutes) and questions:

JG will talk about the Woodland Grant Scheme. **ACTION JG**

IS will talk about the Rural Stewardship Scheme. **ACTION IS** (JG and PJ to contact him. **ACTION PJ, JG**).

RH will talk about publicity, the survey, and natural history. **ACTION RH**.

AP is willing to answer questions on the Hydroscheme, if necessary. **ACTION AP**

The lecture:

A 'powerpoint' projector is being hired from the Locus Centre for £15.

Sir John Lister-Kaye will be introduced by PJ and will be thanked by RH. **ACTION PJ AND RH**

It was suggested that he could visit Dun Coillich on his way to Grandtully, meeting PJ and anyone else available there. (There may be a difficulty caused by road closure for transport of turbines) and it will be necessary to ascertain which sections of the route will be closed on Saturday morning. **ACTION PJ, and whoever has the phone number, ?RH**).

The business meeting:

The Chairman will introduce the 'Trustees Report and Accounts', and refer briefly to the 'Trustee's Activities' (essentially already covered by the Exhibits and Prior Short Talks).

ACTION PJ.

The Treasurer will introduce the Accountant's Report. **ACTION BC**.

Election of Trustees: Six nominations have been received by Colin Liddell:

Phillip Campbell (prop RH; sec Malcolm Appleby)

Tim Fison (prop RH; sec Malcolm Appleby)

Clare Thomas (prop RH; sec Malcolm Appleby)

Retiring Trustees standing for re-election: JG, PJ and AP.

Retiring Trustees not standing for re-election: MF and RH. RA has indicated that she may resign but has not yet done so formally. **ACTION PJ**.

PJ will organise ballot papers, with advice from CL, if an election is needed (i.e., depending on RA's intentions).

GE and LB have previously offered to count votes, and MK will also assist if necessary.

ACTION GE, LB and MK.

The raffle prize: will be presented by Malcolm Appleby.

5. **Any other business:** RH has an article about Dun Coillich in the April issue of The Scots Magazine.

GE asked for information on the current deer situation because this may have an impact on the cash flow dependent on regeneration grants. The present arrangements for eliminating deer that get in are satisfactory but to minimise damage to young trees before they can be dealt with, we need to reduce the number entering. At present some deer may be getting in from Schiehallion under the fence, and this needs immediate attention. It was agreed that replacement of the water gate is urgent. Secondly, that we should go ahead, as agreed previously, with a professional fencing contractor for routine fence maintenance.

JG suggested that the next issue of the Newsletter should be an item on the agenda for the next Trustees meeting.

Provisional Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5th May 2005 at Marjory Keddie's house.

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