

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Incorporating the Dūn Coillich Project

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in The Tryst, Pitlochry at 3.00 p.m. on
Saturday 15 March 2008**

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

1. Apologies: John Allen, Beryl Coope, Councillor Howie, Colin Liddell, J & H Mitchell, Hamish and Elisabeth Nicholson, Richard Paul, Polly Pullar, Eileen Reid, Elvyne Struthers, Andrew and Hilary Tillet.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 March 2007(circulated): Approved.
Proposed by Gordon Evans. Seconded by Tim Fison.

3. Matters Arising. Any matters arising were discussed under appropriate agenda items below.

4. Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November, 2007 (circulated): The Chairman presented the Trustees' Report and Accounts comprising the Trustees' Activities and The Independent Financial Examiner's report and Statement of Financial Activities. The report is divided into two parts: the Activities of the Trustees (pages 4 – 6), and the Accounts (pages 7 – 9). A major activity this year is the erection of the Observation and Education Facility (OEF) at Dun Coillich, which when completed will comprise a bird-hide, and a room with displays of information for visitors. Other activities include a newly rebuilt website (www.hpclt.org); 25 hectares of spring (2007) planting on the north-eastern and south-eastern slopes; some new fencing, a new stile, and a new "kissing gate"; guided walks; and several visits from Cub Scouts and school groups, which resulted, in part, in the planting of 250 trees. Comments on the Trustees' activities were invited by the Chairman. One question was asked concerning the "species-rich" area at Whitebridge mentioned in the report, and whether it was monitored. The Chairman replied that Julie Gardiner, a Trustee, has been doing intermittent monitoring of that area.

The accounts had been prepared by the Independent Financial Examiner, Tim Ambrose FCA, CTA (Fellow), who was present. The draft Statement of Account had been circulated. The Treasurer made a short statement about the accounts, and questions were invited. There were none.

5. Approval of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November, 2007: The document was approved as a whole. Proposed by Bill Hoare. Seconded by Gordon Evans.

6. Retirement and Election of Trustees. The following Trustees retired and did not seek re-election: Philip Campbell and Andrew Pointer. The following Trustees retired and were seeking re-election: Tim Fison (proposed by Paul Jarvis, seconded by Robin Hull); Julie Gardiner (proposed by Paul Jarvis, seconded by Robin Hull); Paul Jarvis (proposed by Robin Hull, seconded by Andrew Pointer); Clare Thomas (proposed by Robin Hull, seconded by Gillian Hull). They have all been nominated for re-election. In addition, Richard Paul has been nominated by Robin Hull and seconded by Paul Jarvis for election. The Chairman declared them all elected.

7. Fixing the Annual Subscriptions: It was proposed that subscription rates would remain unchanged. The Treasurer urged all members to consider completing a standing order form for future subscriptions.

8. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner: Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue. Bill Hoare thanked Tim Ambrose for his work and proposed that he continue. Robin Hull seconded.

9. Any other competent business: Bill Hoare drew attention to information displayed at the meeting concerning the ongoing discussions with Highland Safari about their carbon footprint. Margaret Jarvis urged members and others to look at the newly revamped website. Robin Hull mentioned the new information sheets prepared by Trustees for the OEF and asked for suggestions for other sheets. The Chairman observed that the financing and building of the OEF has been a major accomplishment and asked Robin Hull to elaborate on it. RH said that the OEF was not yet finished and itemised work on the building to be done shortly. The door is yet to be created, and adjustment to the windows is in progress. There will be planting around the OEF and a fence will be installed to prevent visitors falling down the slope. To look inside, a key can be obtained from either RH or BH. An opening party is being planned for the spring or early summer. Congratulations were expressed to RH, BH and the others on the committee for their hard work in raising the money and creating the OEF.

The meeting closed at 3:20 p.m.