

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Incorporating the Dùn Coilich Project

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in The Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig at 3.00 p.m.
on Saturday 24 March 2007**

Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman, Paul Jarvis, welcomed about 25 people to the fifth AGM of the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust.

1. *Apologies:* Tim Ambrose, Dork & Kusha Bolt, Lynnette Borradaile, Rob Coope, Gillian Evans, Margery Finlayson, Sue Hoare, Gillian Hull, Marjorie Keddie, Colin Liddell, Katriona & David Maisels, Hamish & Elisabeth Nicholson, Ken & Sue Richardson, Maisie Steven, Jimmy & Barbara Stewart, Hilary & Andrew Tillett, Lin Thomas, Walter Yellowlees, Ron Youngman.

2. *Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30 March 2006 (circulated):* Approved. Proposed by Gordon Evans. Seconded by Robin Hull.

3. *Matters Arising.* These matters were discussed under appropriate agenda items below.

4. *Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November, 2006 (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 car park has been constructed. Four ponds have been created on the south section of the RSS. Plans for an Observation and Education Facility (OEF) are well underway and the OEF should be completed by Autumn 2007. Approximately 126,000 trees have been planted on the west side, and preparations for more planting are underway. The fences are fairly tight along all parts of the perimeter, and a new stile has been constructed. Comments on the Trustees' Activities were invited and there were some questions about landscaping around the car park, tree planting, and possible paths. It was explained that no paths are planned at present except one from the car park to the OEF. Possibly way mark signs will be posted in the future, but there will be no use of surface material. The matter of future paths will be discussed at the next Trustees' meeting. In response to a question about funding for the OEF, it was explained that the OEF funds are in a separate account and that fundraising for the project is ongoing. There are sufficient funds to proceed with the project.

The accounts had been prepared by the Independent Financial Examiner, Tim Ambrose FCA, CTA (Fellow), who was unable to be present. The draft Statement of Account had been circulated. The Treasurer made a short statement about the accounts, and questions were invited. In response to a question about creating family memberships, and to promoting corporate subscriptions, it was decided to refer these matters for discussion to the next Trustees' meeting.

5. *Approval of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November, 2006:* The document was approved as a whole. Proposed by Beryl Coope. Seconded by Bill Hoare.

6. *Retirement and Election of Trustees.* The following Trustee retired and did not seek re-election: Innes Smith. The following Trustee retired and was seeking re-election: Gordon Evans. Two Trustees were co-opted during the year: Robin Hull and Ann Partridge. Robin Hull will not stand for election but would like to remain as a Trustee for 12 months, until the OEF is completed. He will be co-opted at the next Trustees' meeting. Ann Partridge will stand for election. Rob Coope has been nominated for election. The chairman declared Gordon Evans (proposed by Paul Jarvis; seconded by Andy Pointer), Rob Coope (proposed by Paul Jarvis; seconded by Andy Pointer) and Ann Partridge (proposed by Andy Pointer; seconded by Margaret Jarvis) duly elected. The Chairman expressed the thanks of all Trustees to Innes Smith for his service on the Board. Richard Jarvis proposed a vote of thanks to all Trustees, past and present, for their work at Dun Coilich.

7. *Fixing the Annual Subscriptions:* It was proposed that subscription rates would remain unchanged, but the question of family and corporate memberships was deferred to the next meeting of the Trustees for discussion.

8. *Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner:* Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue.

9. *Any other competent business.* There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 3:40 p.m.