

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Incorporating the Dūn Coillich Project

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall, Kinloch Rannoch at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 24 March 2012

Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman, Richard Paul, welcomed about 35 people to the tenth AGM of the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust.

1. *Apologies:* Colin Liddell, Margaret Gimblett, Keith Griffiths and Fiona Smart, Patti and Malcolm Hope, Neil and Rosie Hooper, Andy Pointer, Jimmy Stewart.

2. *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 March 2011 (circulated):* Approved (proposed by Clare Thomas, seconded by Julie Gardiner).

3. *Matters Arising.* None.

4. *Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November 2011 (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 outlined the aims of the Trust and explained the problems of deer incursions resulting in failure to achieve sufficient establishment of trees to satisfy the requirements of the Forestry Commission Woodland Grant Scheme. The support of the Woodland Trust, particularly Russ Jobson was acknowledged. Following his advice, a forestry consultant, Malcolm Young, of Eamonn Wall, has been appointed to advise HPCLT on remedial measures. Fencing materials have been donated by the John Muir Trust, Griffin Wind Farm and the Kynachan estate and work parties will be arranged.

5. *Approval of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November 2010:* The document was approved as a whole (proposed by Robin Hull, seconded by Richard Legate).

6. *Retirement and Election of Trustees.* The following Trustees retired and did not seek re-election: Clare Thomas, Tim Fison, June Riddell. The following Trustee retired and was seeking re-election: Margaret Jarvis. The following have been nominated for election: Margaret Jarvis, Sandra Winter, Nici Ward, Ruth Atkinson, Ian Wilkinson. There being sufficient vacancies for all five nominees, the Chairman declared them elected. He expressed the thanks of all Trustees to the retiring Trustees for all they had done. Richard Legate thanked Richard Paul, on behalf of all Trustees, for his prodigious work as Chairman in particularly difficult circumstances

7. *Fixing the Annual Subscriptions:* It was proposed and agreed that subscription rates would remain unchanged at present except that, as agreed by Trustees, the £10 annual subscription would be per household instead of per individual.

8. *Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner:* Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue. His re-appointment was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by Clare Thomas and unanimously agreed.

9. *Any other competent business.* Robin Hull put forward the idea of Life Membership. He himself would be enthusiastic about giving this to his grandchildren. This suggestion will be discussed by Trustees.

Robin Hull also suggested 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.

Terry Wisdom enquired whether the Jubilee wood planted by Pitlochry High School pupils in October 2011 was recorded on the Royal Record. The Chairman reassured him that it was recorded appropriately.

An interesting piece of information is that Dun Coillich now has the second largest blackcock lek in Perthshire.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.