

# *Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust*

## ***Minutes of General Meeting held at Moness Hotel, Aberfeldy, Wednesday March 27th, 2002, at 7.45 pm, to elect the Trustees of the Land Trust and to discuss proposals and objectives for the Dun Coillich project***

*Present:* Colin Liddell of J and H Mitchell; Dun Coillich Steering Group: (Malcolm Appleby, Russell Coope, Beryl Coope, Julie Gardiner, Robin Hull, Paul Jarvis, John Mattingley, Andrew Pointer, Donald Riddell, Ian Riddell, June Riddell, Innes Smith, Rick Worrell, Margaret Jarvis (minutes secretary), plus about 80 others.

Alec Cruikshank, Project Coordinator for Highland Perthshire Communities Partnership, had been invited by the Steering Group to take the Chair.

*Pre-meeting (7.30pm):* An opportunity was afforded for those who were not already members of the Trust to become members. Nomination forms and ballot papers were made available to members.

*Welcome and Introduction:* The Chairman welcomed those present and explained the two aims of the meeting: firstly, the election of Trustees; secondly, discussion of proposals and objectives for the first project of the Trust, Dun Coillich.

*Election of Trustees:* Eleven nominations, for twelve Trustees, had been received before the beginning of the meeting. Thus no ballot was necessary and eleven Trustees were elected.

These were: **Ruth Atkinson, Beryl Coope, Marjorie Finlayson, Julie Gardiner, William Hoare, Robin Hull, Paul Jarvis, Hamish Nicholson, Andrew Pointer, Ian Riddell, Innes Smith.**

The Trustees introduced themselves individually and explained briefly their reasons for wishing to serve. They would meet together at the close of the public meeting to elect a chairman.

*Discussion:* Malcolm Appleby, Robin Hull and Andrew Pointer formed a panel to answer questions. They first explained some of the aspirations of the members of the steering group and then facilitated a lively and wide-ranging discussion (see addendum).

A management group for Dun Coillich would be set up by the Trustees. Forms on which members could list ways in which they could contribute to the project had been circulated

Nigel Hawkins, director, John Muir Trust, and Charlie Taylor, Forestry Commission, as representatives of the organisations owning and managing adjacent land, expressed their good wishes and whole-hearted support for the project and emphasised their willingness to cooperate with HPCLT. Jean Findlayson thanked the Steering Group for all the hard work involved in getting to this stage.

The meeting closed at 20.55.