

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees held on Monday 9 February 2010 at 7:15 p.m. At the home of Paul and Margaret Jarvis

Present: Rob Coope, Gordon Evans, Margaret Gimblett, Ben Henderson, Margaret Jarvis, Paul Jarvis, Ann Partridge.

1. **Apologies:** Tim Fison, Julie Gardiner, Richard Paul, June Riddell, Clare Thomas
2. **Minutes of previous meeting of 9 November 2009:** Approved with minor corrections.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 2a. JG not present. Matter deferred.
 - 2b. No definitive reply yet
 - 2c. Deferred for JG.
 - 2f. RC has checked fence twice. It is deer proof.
 - 2h. Items still have to be put on website.

7b. GE and PJ have discussed a response to Colin Liddell's letter about possible changes to the Memorandum and Articles, so that the formal requirements become much less demanding. **GE and PJ will meet with Colin Liddell**

7c. The Trustees agreed in general to accept the proposed risk assessment document, with the following **two additions:** First, that it is understood by users of Dun Coillich that HPCLT provides this information about possible risks at Dun Coillich so that users can make their own risk assessment.(BH)

Second, that risk assessment should apply to after dark as well. (RC)

BH and RC will email their suggestions to CT and ask for them to be added to document

PJ reminded the Trustees that HPCLT does have liability cover.

4. AGM

The AGM will be held on March 20, 2010 at Grandtully Hall at 2:30. The speaker will be Syd House, conservator for the Forestry Commission. The title of his talk will be confirmed shortly.

Papers for the AGM need to go out by February 24. PJ will prepare the agenda and all other necessary items. Mailing labels of all current members will be **provided by GE.**

PJ needs short reports of the year's activities from all trustees to include in the AGM papers for mailing by **FEBRUARY 24. ACTION ALL.**

Tim Ambrose, the accountant, has audited the accounts and they are ready for the AGM.

PUBLICITY: MJ is preparing a poster to advertise the AGM.

Notices will also be placed in *Comment*, *The Quair*, and *News Round North*

REFRESHMENTS: MG will provide refreshments of tea/coffee and eats. PJ and MJ will provide wine and glasses.

DISPLAYS: Photographs of events of the past year: the hydroscheme and visits. **PJ will ask RP and Jimmy Stewart.** Bonfire night and walks **MG**

RETIRALS AND NEW TRUSTEES: GE and AP are retiring and will not stand for re-election

RC is retiring and will stand for re-election

BH needs to be re-nominated

A discussion ensued about the need for new trustees for nomination. Suggestions were: Andy Pointer, and Donald Riddell. **PJ WILL TALK TO THEM . Another** suggestion was Howard Pearce. **GE WILL ASK HIM.** All agreed that every one needs to think about

further possibilities for nomination. Nomination forms may be found on the website. Any nominations should be sent to PJ.

5. Reports from Groups:

a. Woodlands and WGS Trees to be planted will be delivered in March. Volunteer planters will be needed in about four to six weeks' time. Half of the newly enclosed space will be used as a holding area for new trees that are awaiting planting. **RC will help dig trenches for new planting. MG will deliver old carpet for use as mulch to car park.**

b. Visitor Access. Nothing to report

c. Observation and Education Facility: Nothing to report

d. Maintenance, Fencing, and RSS: RC reported that much of the fencing is in poor shape. He recommends that a needs assessment for a replacement programme be carried out over the next year. Priorities will be recommended of where to start and what materials to use. It was agreed that this assessment should be done. All agreed that the fence along the roadside should probably be top priority. **RC will make an assessment and report back.**
The RSS programme has now finished nationally.

e. Natural and Cultural Heritage Nothing to report

f. Keltneyburn Hydroscheme: Nothing to report, except to say that the site is much improved.

g. Education Activities: Nothing to report in the absence of RP, but we all look forward to more visits from Pitlochry HS again this year. A question arose as to why Breadalbane Academy is not involved in any activities at DC. This discussion was deferred until RP is present.

h. Public Relations and Website: MJ to ask RP to put photos of events on the hill on the website.

6. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported on the money in the bank accounts. The only expense since November has been £1,562 for the fence for the new enclosure. We have also received £3,000 from the hydro scheme. As of now, the accounts are:

OEF	£5,164.11
Reserve:	5,153.83
Current	4,994.36

7. Any Other Business:

MG asked why the membership numbers are going down. A discussion then ensued as to how we could make HPCLT more attractive to members. How could publicity be improved? It was agreed that this is a serious question that should be addressed at the next meeting, after the AGM has taken place. Perhaps a subcommittee should be formed to think of ideas and bring back to the Trustees for discussions? This item will be placed high on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 7:15 p.m. at the home of MG

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.