

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees held on Monday 11 February 2008 at 7:15 p.m. At Duireaskin

Present: Gordon Evans, Bill Hoare, Robin Hull, Paul Jarvis (Chairman), Margaret Jarvis, Ann Partridge.

1. Apologies: Rob Coope, Tim Fison, Julie Gardiner, Andrew Pointer, and Clare Thomas.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 15 January 2008: Approved.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. AGM:

a. Notices: BH reported that notices about the AGM have been sent to:

- *Quair, Comment, Killin News, News Round North, The Bridge.*
- Heartland Radio has also received a notice of the AGM
- The website also will include a notice of the AGM
- Thirty posters will be displayed around our catchment area

b. Agenda: PJ passed out copies of the proposed agenda for the AGM, and "The afternoon programme". The agenda has been approved by Colin Liddell's office. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the agenda item number 7 (Fixing the Annual Subscriptions: no changes proposed) should stand as written.

c. Retirals: Four of the following six trustees are required to retire: AndyP, JG, PJ, CT, TF and PC.

All six are eligible for re-election. PJ reported that:

- AndyP will retire and not seek re-election. He has too many other commitments just now.
- JG, PJ, and CT will retire and all will seek re-election.
- TF is now away, but it is hoped that he will stand for re-election. **PJ will talk to TF.**
- PC has now returned to the UK. **PJ will try to find out if he wishes to stand for re-election.**

A discussion then ensued about possible new trustees and new members in general. BH has spoken to David Pike of Tulliemet, who seems interested, but he wants more information. **PJ will send information about DC and a nomination form.** Richard Wickenden was also mentioned as a possibility. **BH will talk to him.** BH also said there were two other people whom he thought were good possibilities and he will talk to them. RH said that Richard Paul, a teacher in Pitlochry and involved with the 2007 *Bird Atlas*, was quite interested and would be a good addition. **RH will talk further to him.** MJ has already talked to Pamela Carr, a computer expert, who is a possible new member. Alec Towns was suggested as a possible new member. **GE will talk to him.** Wendy Mattingly, who was one of the original subscribers to HPCLT, is a possibility as a trustee. **RH will write to her.** Donald Riddell has shown an interest and **PJ will talk to him.**

Another suggestion for attracting more members was possibly approaching the Green Party, some of whose aims are similar to ours. After discussion, it was decided that we should definitely have no political affiliations.

The discussion then turned to the possibility of getting younger people involved in DC. Could youngsters from schools in the area be nominated as members? Everyone agreed that we should develop some strategy for involving young people. Since this is such an important issue, it was decided to defer further conversation until after the AGM. Membership, especially of younger people, will be an agenda item for the next meeting. **AP.**

d. Subscriptions: Already discussed under item 4b. above.

e. Trustees' Activities: PJ is preparing the Trustees' report of activities during the past year. BH and RH have already submitted their reports. Other reports will be forthcoming.

-The report will be as follows:

Description of the OEF (RH)
Website (MJ)
RSS (BH)
Woodland Grant Scheme (PJ)
Fences, access, walks, visitors (BH)
Natural & cultural heritage (CT)

-Exhibits

RH is preparing information sheets for the OEF to display at the AGM. Most reports have been submitted, but he is waiting for fungi, archaeology and Dragonflies.

- * Information sheets on wild flowers, fungi, dragonflies, butterflies, trees, archaeology. **(RH)**
- * Exhibit of the OEF. Photos. **(BH)**
- * Archaeology slide show **(CT)**
- * Newly updated website **(MJ)**
- * Photos of DC **(PJ)**

-Logistical Arrangements:

Wine and tea **(RH)**

New memberships & raffle **(MJ)**

Two sets of membership labels **(GE)**

- f. Financial Statement: Tim Ambrose is preparing the financial statement.

5. Planning Permission: BH reported that the period for comments about the planning permissions has been extended to 27 February 2008. A final draft of the letter of objection to the planning proposals from the HPCLT, which BH tabled, is ready to be sent to Colin Liddell for his signature. The essence of the letter states that we have no objections to the alterations to the farmhouse and conversion of byre, nor to the two houses to replace existing cottages; but we do have reservations about the sawmill conversion, and we strongly object to the building of seven chalets 20 metres from our boundary and which overlook the recently created ponds and wetland area. All present at the meeting agreed it was an excellent letter. **BH will send it to CL for transmission.** BH has already informed Sandy McAdam about our objections.

BH will also send out information to the membership about the planning proposals. They will be encouraged to write their own letters concerning the proposals. **BH. GE will provide mailing labels.**

6. Newsletter: The newsletter is finished and ready to be mailed with the AGM mailing. Everyone thought it looked very good.

7. Any Other Business: *BH has talked to Ben Henderson who has taken another hind off DC. There are still a couple of reds and possibly three roe present.

*The road through the forest from Foss to the kissing gate is blocked by trees at present.

*PJ will be walking round the fences along the FC boundary together with Hamish Murray (FC) as soon as weather permits. (NOTE: Because of postponement, TF eventually went.)

*RH reported that his article "Experiment with Nature" in the February issue of *Scots*, is now available. **RH will bring a copy to the next Trustees' meeting.** After a short discussion on whether we might subscribe to this magazine, it was suggested that first all should take a look at it on its website:

www.scotsheritage.net. **(ALL)**

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on 27 March 2008. Place to be decided.