

Minutes of Trustees Meeting held at Duireaskin, Aberfeldy, Tuesday June 11th, 2002, at 7.15 pm

Present: Paul Jarvis (chairman), Beryl Coope, Marjorie Finlayson, Julie Gardiner, Andrew Pointer, Innes Smith, Margaret Jarvis (minutes secretary).

1. *Apologies:* Ruth Atkinson, Bill Hoare, Hamish Nicholson, Ian Riddell

2. *Minutes of Trustees meeting of of 27th May:* Accepted.

3. *Matters arising:*

More membership forms, with the Duireaskin address and with a Gift Aid declaration included, would be needed. MJ will send to BC. **Action MJ**

JG produced an excellent draft of a Newsletter. It was thought that this should come out quarterly. The web site address will be included. Robin Hull will be asked to write a short piece of historical interest. A few lines about each Trustee will be needed. MJ will collate and send to JG. **Action JG, MJ, RH.** IS said that the question of how to find Dùn Coillich had been raised at a recent community council meeting. To address this, PJ will write a section about access. **Action PJ.**

The Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan is going ahead.

The web site has been updated and now includes Minutes up to 6th May.

AP suggested that we should try to communicate with any neighbouring groups making a community purchase. (Community-owned land in Scotland now totals over 30,000 hectares). PJ will obtain information about any such groups from Colin Liddell. **Action PJ**

PJ had written an article about HPCLT for publication in the next John Muir Trust Bulletin

BC had sent a cheque for membership of Highland Perthshire Communities Partnership and received a receipt and a form to fill in. this requires a nominated delegate who would become a Director of HPCP. Ian Riddell was nominated. IS will be his deputy..

4. *Insurance Proposal:* PJ had received a 5 page proposal form to fill in. After checking details with Trustees he signed this and will return it. **Action PJ**

BC raised a linked matter with a reminder that we would need a Health and Safety book to record any incidents and a named Health and Safety officer. We would also need to carry out a risk assessment. BC will obtain an incident book. **Action BC.** We should also contact the local Health and Safety Executive and ask them what they need from us. IS offered to do this and to bring a draft to the next meeting. **Action IS**

5. *Royal Scottish Forestry Group meeting on 13th June:* This meeting, organised by Paul Ramsey and Jean Finlayson, will include a visit to the Braes of Foss car park area of Schiehallion and a discussion about Schiehallion and Dùn Coillich. Andrew Campbell will represent the John Muir Trust, MJ will attend as representative of HPCLT. **Action MJ**

6. *WWF meeting on 24th June:* WWF have arranged a committee room at the Aberfeldy Town Hall for 7.30 p.m. Mary Shuma will give a presentation about her work in Tanzania, to be followed by a general discussion.

7. *Dùn Coillich Management:* PJ had spoken to John Mattingley. He is willing to co-ordinate everything others are doing but he sees this a passive role and would not be pro-active in any way. He would be willing to be co-opted as a Trustee in order to facilitate communication but would not

hold any meetings of a Dùn Coillich management group. JG emphasised that we needed a management group to do the management; PJ and others agreed. IS emphasised the importance of remembering that we are a community organisation; we must aim for a balance between open access and the need to protect sensitive sites. The Trustees are responsible for achieving this. BC pointed out that we had said that we would have a management group open to interested members of the community. JG thought that this would follow once people knew that they had access and could do things. The feeling of the meeting was that Trustees continue with the initial management activities, such as the car park and suitable notices. Some devolvement will probably follow naturally and we will ultimately require a Management Sub-Committee to produce a five-year management plan, with a pro-active chairman. John and Wendy Mattingley will continue to be active in the survey group. PJ will write to JM to say that co-ordination will take place through the surveying group and through the Trustees, for the time being. **Action PJ**

BC and Hamish Nicholson will meet with the Roads Department representative at 3 p.m. on 13th June, on site, to approve a new entrance from the road to a car park. BC will contact Charlie Ramsay about the car park construction. **Action BC, HN**

JG will ask Mike Strachan for a written agreement to allow us to sign the Woodland Grant Scheme in a year's time, retaining the options now available. We may then need a public meeting to discuss these options. JG emphasised that it is imperative to deliver on the WGS we opt for, otherwise we will be asked to return the money. **Action JG**

IS pointed out that we should be considering other projects for HPCLT. Are we only going to be concerned with large-scale projects or also for very local ones? Perhaps other groups might like to tap our acquired expertise? We need to formulate a broad policy on such things. PJ thought that renewable energy was a possible example of an appropriate project. **Action all**

IS had not been able to contact Malcolm Appleby about a possible mid-summer party. Any party would be deferred until later, possibly until after we had a car park. IS will try again to contact MA. **Action IS**

8. Committee Reports:

a). *Surveying.* Russell Coope, BC and HN had set up some insect traps on the hill. Ruth Atkinson has set some dates for vegetation surveying. These are Saturday 29th June at 10 a.m.; Monday 8th July at 6.30 p.m.; Monday 22nd July at 6.30 p.m.; Saturday 3rd August at 10 a.m.

The meeting of the surveying group on 29th May had been positive. There was an emphasis on the need for quantitative data. A code will be used for recording sensitive information. Robin Hull is in good contact with Wendy Mattingley about bird surveying.

b) *Financial.* No action yet on grant applications. MJ had received information from Awards for All; this was passed to BC.

The bill for conveyancing had just been received. It is £850 plus VAT for the services of Duncan Thomson. In addition there is a £500 fee for registration in the Property Register. Total £1498.75.

*Colin Liddell will debit the remaining funds held by him and write a cheque to HPCLT for the residue. PJ will ask him for a full statement of account. **Action PJ***

c) *Education.* No reply has been received to the letter to the Director of Education. PJ will contact him directly. **Action PJ**

9. *Any Other Business:* None

10. *Date of next meeting:* Monday, 15th July, Duireaskin, 7.15 p.m.