

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Scottish Charity Number: SC032801

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting on Thursday 16th August 2012 at Tomphubil Lodge at 7:15 pm

Present: Richard Paul (chairman), Margaret Jarvis (minutes), Andy Pointer, Trish Waite, Nici Ward, Ian Wilkinson, Sandra Winter. Advisors: Tim Fison, Paul Jarvis.

1. Apologies: Ben Henderson, Richard Legate, Linda Cracknell, James Shorthouse.

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 17 June 2012: Approved (prop SW, sec NW)

3. Matters arising; MJ commented that so far no-one had recorded their volunteer hours.

PLEASE DO SO, TO MJ.

ACTION ALL

RP read out an email from BH who wrote that there were now fewer deer to be seen on the hill. In answer to a question at the previous meeting, recorded in the minutes, he wanted to emphasise that the culling effort had been sufficient for a much larger area of ground than Dun Coilich. The feeling of the meeting was that the culling effort had been superb; it was acclaimed by all. No criticism of any kind had been intended

AP made the point that summer meetings were very difficult for Trustees with businesses related to tourism. He and BH would like fewer meetings then. *It was agreed that long-term decisions should be made at meetings outside the summer season.*

4 .Grant Applications

a. RP had made an application to the *Bank of Scotland* for £20,000. A response is expected by 15th September.

b. *Griffin fund.* This had been in the hands of Willie McGhee, who had submitted the application. This was not accepted as it stands and a presentation, in September, is required.. TW thought, after discussion with personal contacts, that the Griffin Fund required more detail, such as the links with schools, qualifications to be achieved by any employee to be funded, etc., at the presentation. (TW is not in favour of HPCLT having an employee at this stage). TW was persuaded to be a 'voice' at the presentation, with help in preparation from NW. WMcG will of course be fully involved.

Decision: First meeting to be held at TW's Thurs 30th August at 7.30p.m. TW, AP, TF, PJ. MJ

Second meeting to be arranged with WMcG

ACTION TW, AP,

TF, PJ, MJ

Terms and Conditions are on the Griffin fund website

c. Gannochy Trust An application was in the hands of WMcG, who is due to email a copy of the application to RP

ACTION WMcG

d. RP has asked Sandy Maxwell, JMT, if the £1850 possible grant from JMT can be 'matched' by the £3000 from the Shirley Jones legacy. The grant is dependent on match funding.

5. Volunteers: The 'Dirty Weekenders' (Edinburgh University Conservation Volunteers) are expected on 28th October

There will be a nursery weeding morning on **Monday 20th August**. Meet at 10 a.m. at the car park. MJ will email members
ACTION MJ

6: Fencing RP reported that the fencing work should be completed by the beginning of September. All had been kept informed of progress by multiple emails and photographs.

There will be a work party on Sunday 19th August, meeting at the hut at 10a.m. ACTION!

A further work party would be **on 1st or 8th September**, depending on Sandy Maxwell (JMT) BH was congratulated for his efforts in sourcing the wire. RP and Elspeth P, in particular, and all others involved, were applauded for their tremendous efforts.

The possibility of moving the position of the deer fence so that the water gates, a weak point, would be outside it, was discussed. RP will examine the idea further.

7: Tree Planting. RP called for others to take on the responsibility of sourcing trees and getting them in the ground. A subgroup JG, AP, TF, SW, PJ and MJ was set up to do this. This group will meet on Tuesday 21 August at Duireaskin at 7.30 p.m

RP proposed that the aim should be to get at least 20,000 trees in the ground this planting season. SW will email Alba Trees and Woodbury nursery to get information about availability and cost of trees..

ACTION SW

ACTION MJ

8: Vision. Further discussion and decision deferred until the next meeting

9: Tenth Anniversary Celebrations 2nd September. This will be at the visitor hut at 2 p.m. on Sunday 2nd September. There will be refreshments (wine, cheese etc) and a walk
ACTION TF

10: Shirley Jones memorial bench. Alastair Fison had been employed to do the preparatory work. He had done an excellent job in sorting the stones and placing them ready for Sam Gardner, who will build the bench, beginning in October. The design reflects the shape of Schiehallion, with stone copes and a black 'Marmax' seat. A memorial plaque will be inset. Shirley's sister, Mrs George, has approved the design. The John Muir Trust has mown around the area. TW was thanked for organising this project. (Sam and his wife have been invited to the event on 2nd September)

11: Treasurer's Report Spread sheets showing details of expenditure and income for the current financial year to date had been circulated by email. Unrestricted funds stand at £10,859 and restricted (raised for the visitor hut) at £3462.

12: AOB:

Linda Cracknell has resigned as a Trustee because of other commitments; she was thanked for her considerable contribution.

RP emphasised that more Trustees are needed and urged everyone to look out for suitable recruits.

ACTION ALL

The meeting closed at 21.40

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th November at Tomphubil Lodge