

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Scottish Charity Number: SC032801

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting held on Thursday 21st February 2013 at West Tempar, Kinloch Rannoch at 7:15 pm

Present: Richard Paul (chairman), Margaret Jarvis (minutes), Richard Legate, Andy Pointer, Ian Wilkinson, Sandra Winter.

Advisors: Bill Hoare, Jim Low

Apologies: Ben Henderson, James Shorthouse

Advisors: Tim Fison, Innes Smith, Trish Waite

Minutes of previous meeting on 24th January 2013 : Approved (prop SW, sec AP)

Matters arising: Willie and James Shorthouse had definitely undertaken to plant the trees that had been ordered. The date of delivery would need to be fixed. AP emphasised that the areas where there had been failure previously should be avoided. Birch and pine should be preferred in the most exposed areas. The Shorthouses would be appraised of this discussion; they know the area well.

Memorial wood for Paul Jarvis: Donations have been made to the Woodland Trust. The consensus was that an oak copse, sessile oak, on Dun Coillich land would be appropriate. The best location is possibly along the Allt Mor. The oaks might have birch as nurse trees between them. Julie Gardiner's advice will be sought.

Obituary for Paul Jarvis: MJ and Bill H will provide an obituary for Comment. The deadline for the next issue is close **ACTION MJ, BillH**

Grant Applications: Willie McGhee has submitted the application to the Gannochy Trust. Bill H had supplied supporting material for the single sheet of A4. The project in question, to obtain funding for a Woodland Project Officer, who would, for example, be responsible for attracting and training volunteers, was explained to Jim Low. The Highland Youth Project, (contact Nicola Nichols), which includes young persons having difficulties at school, may come weekly.

RP had applied for a grant from Bank of Scotland but without success. He may try again.

School visits to plant Jubilee Woods Kinloch Rannoch Primary, for the first time, and Pitlochry High School, for the third, will each plant a Jubilee Wood, of about one acre. The trees, from the Woodland Trust, will be delivered to RP during the week following the 10th March. No dates have been fixed for planting. The trees are mixed deciduous (including rowan, birch and bird cherry). One group is suitable for wetland and will be planted near Whitebridge. RP will liaise with teachers Garry Leck and Linda Olds. **ACTION RP**

Pitlochry High School will certainly be coming, in significant numbers; SW said that GlenLyon Primary will not, because they plant trees in Glen Lyon. SW will contact the new deputy head of primary at Breadalbane, Emily Ross. SW will also contact Jim Liney at Kenmore Primary, and the leader of Beavers, Jo McEachan. **ACTION SW**

Fencing – review: The current situation was described, for the benefit of Jim Low.

Deer culling – review: No figures available because Ben H was not able to be present. Bill H pointed out that we have a right to ask SNH, who took over the Deer Commission, for permission to shoot at any time. SNH wants to reduce red deer numbers. Fewer deer have been culled in 2012 than in 2011. It was pointed out that there is less enthusiasm for stalking if numbers are low; and that there is the possibility of shooting hares, which also damage trees.

Tree planting for WGS: Covered above. MJ will check delivery dates (**ACTION MJ**)

New Trustees: Jim Low was welcomed to the meeting; Harry Ross and Innes Smith have also been nominated. The forms need to be with Colin Liddell by 8th March.

Jim Low would like to walk around Dun Coillich. This will be arranged.

RP, AP, Ben H will stand down and stand for re-election (to comply with the constitution).
 MJ emphasised the need for more signatories as IW (prop BillH, sec SW) will be replacing her as Treasurer.

AGM arrangements: AGM 2pm; talk 2.30 pm. MJ will ask if the speaker, Prof Geoffrey Boulton, will need a screen, projector and laptop. **ACTION MJ**

All members must be notified according to the constitution. RP will post the information to members for which we have no email **ACTION RP**

Bill H, AP and RP will bring laptops which will have a photographic slide show, giving a display each side of Camserney Hall, as advised by IW, who knows the layout of the hall.

SW offered to provide refreshments, wine, red and white, tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake. MJ offered a cake.

ACTION SW, MJ

The speaker will be given a copy of 'Ravens over the Hill' by Robin Hull. RP will introduce and thank him.

ACTION RP

Posters; RP will design and circulate for comment and then email.. About 30 will be needed. MJ will deliver in Aberfeldy and Grandtully. **ACTION RP, MJ and others.**

Annual Report for OSCR: Reports of activities during the year are needed: The following will write

SW Tree planting

RP Fencing

TF Tenth Anniversary

TW Memorial bench

Bill H Biodiversity

IW A summary of grant applications

Ben H Deer culling

ACTION VARIOUS

Treasurer's report: There had been no change since the previous report

AOB: For Information: AP told the meeting of a proposal for more wind turbines on the Urlar Estate. He expected that JMT would object

Bill H reported a court case about Glen Lyon hydroscheme, where damaging silt deposition had taken place. . He had checked with Keltneyburn Hydroscheme, where the same company had been involved and been reassured that there was now no connection with the company and no impact on HPCLT

The weir on the Allt Mor can at present be walked along. This is deemed a risk and must be stopped! The weir on the Allt Mor can at present be walked along. This is deemed a risk and Keltneyburn Hydro propose to reduce/remove this risk.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th April 2013 at 19.15 at Duireaskin, Aberfeldy (AGM 23rd March)

The meeting closed at 9 pm