

**Minutes of Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 21st November, 2002, at Duireaskin, Aberfeldy at 7.15 p.m.**

*Present:* Paul Jarvis (chairman), Ruth Atkinson, Beryl Coope, Marjorie Finlayson, Julie Gardiner, Bill Hoare, Robin Hull, Hamish Nicholson, Andrew Pointer, Innes Smith, Margaret Jarvis (minutes secretary).

1. *Apologies:* Ian Riddell (attending Community Council meeting)
2. *Minutes of Trustees meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2002:* Accepted and signed.
3. *Matters arising:* MJ now holds copies of the first newsletter.

There had been no further action on Health and Safety.

Missing minutes had been added to the web site.

The permanent plot markers were still to be put out. They are very heavy and will require considerable manpower.

PJ is waiting to hear back from Tim Ambrose.

The interest-bearing account is now open, with a balance of £5,500.

RA has bought a paper copy of the 1 to 10,000 map (£50). This will be scanned in to a computer.

4. *End of year accounts:* A draft of the accounts to date, compiled by BC with advice from Gordon Evans, was circulated by BC. She was thanked for all the work she had put into this. Slight modification will be required at the end-of-year, 30<sup>th</sup> November. MF suggested that expenses incurred by Trustees and others, but not claimed for, should be shown in future accounts, even if the amounts involved were returned as donations. This will be considered in future.

BC and PJ will decide on an auditor. **Action BC and PJ**

5. *Car park:* RH, AP, Russell Coope and BC had a site meeting with Robin Baker and his suggested plan had been agreed. Subsequently, AP, BH, RC, BC and Robin Baker had met on site with Bruce MacNaughton of the Roads Department, who had readily approved the plan. A new drawing of the proposed layout was tabled. It was agreed that some landscaping should be included. The next stage is to move through to planning consent stage. Materials must be agreed upon and costings worked out.. HN pointed out that voluntary labour might well be available. IS commented that we need to know when volunteers could be useful. It was agreed that Charlie Ramsay's expertise would be invaluable at this stage. JG emphasised that it might be necessary to get more than one quote for the work. It was agreed that PJ would meet with Robin Baker to advance these points and to ask him to contact Charlie Ramsay. (MF had CR's business card). **Action PJ**

6. *Woodland Grant Scheme:* PJ had filled up and returned the forms applying for a new WGS. He had received emailed help from Mike Strachan to do this. A letter authorising PJ to sign for all the trustees had been required, together with a list of all trustees' names and addresses.

The area to be planted, the planting density and the area of natural regeneration will be negotiated later. From mid-April next year there will be an option to transfer to the new Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme if this would be advantageous.

JG said that she had been in contact with Alba Trees and another company to investigate costs. Alba Trees uses roottrainers and has equipment for planting the seedlings with minimum root disturbance. The company would come and demonstrate this.

JG thought that a public meeting will be needed to discuss the options for planting and that this must be held fairly soon (before March) as the trees will need to be ordered well in advance. IS agreed that such a meeting should be held early in the spring and emphasised that appropriate publicity should precede this so that people had a chance to consider the options and their implications. We would also need to discuss options for the land not included in the WGS. AP suggested a possible use of the agricultural ground for allotments for vegetables.

7. *History*: RH reported that the amount of information is growing. He has contacted three publishers to enquire about publication of some kind of book. He is hoping for some archival photographs to be included, together with archaeological information. He had submitted a possible outline but said that it was necessary to take note of any advice from a publisher. Perth and Kinross library had been interested. Some cash input from HPCLT would probably be needed and RH asked for the support in principle of the board of Trustees. This support was enthusiastically given.

8. *Publicity*: IS thought it was time to raise the profile of Dùn Coilich again as public interest and awareness has waned. PJ agreed. Following RH's November article in *Comment*, and a letter from Ann Partridge, it had been suggested by a member that information about the boundaries of the property was not sufficiently available and that he did not know where to walk. JG suggested publicising dates for guided walks. BC suggested having a social occasion in the winter, with wine and food, to raise the profile. IS accepted that progress towards significant public use of the property would be slow. He put forward the idea of a small group organising a rolling programme of publicity. RH, IS, RA, and BC agreed to form such a group and to inform AP and JG of developments so that the web site and newsletter could be used for publicity. **Action RH, IS, RA, BC, AP, JG.**

The first meeting of this group will be at RH's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6 p.m.

It was agreed to go ahead with a second issue of the newsletter. JG will produce this. RH, RA, PJ, BH will write articles; AP will send a map with grid lines removed for clarity and with the boundary clearly marked. This will be given prominence as will the address of the web site. A deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> December was set for material to be sent to JG. **Action JG, RH, PJ, BH, AP.**

#### 9. *Any Other Business*:

MF had a copy of Scottish Forestry 56(3) with an article about the visit to Dùn Coilich by the Angus and Perth Group. This will be filed.

MF read a letter she proposed to send to *Comment* for publication. It was agreed that letters of this kind should be signed by individuals, not as representatives of the board of Trustees. MF suggested that articles published in *Comment* should also appear in Newsround North. However, since the deadlines for the two are completely different, this poses practical difficulties. *Comment* is available in W.H. Smiths in Pitlochry and so will continue to be the publication normally used.

RH thought that we must plan for the AGM, which will be held in March, at the next meeting. The constitution requires that some Trustees stand down at the end of one year, some at the end of two years. This will require discussion in advance.

10. *Date of next meeting*: Tuesday, 7th January 2003, Duireaskin, 7.15 p.m.