

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Scottish Charity Number: SC032801

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting held on Thursday 24th January 2013 at Aileen Chraggan, Aberfeldy at 7:15 pm

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

Advisors: Willie McGhee, Paul Jarvis, Tim Fison, Bill Hoare

Apologies: Ben Henderson, Richard Legate, James Shorthouse

Advisors: Innes Smith, Julie Gardiner,

Minutes of previous meeting on 26th November 2012: Approved (prop SW, sec AP)

Matters arising: included later in the agenda

Grant Applications There has been no success with either the Bank of Scotland or the Griffin wind farm fund (on the grounds of insufficient benefit to the community). However, administration of the Griffin fund is now with SSE. Thus it may be possible to re-apply in the future.

We record our thanks to JMT for a grant of £1850, received in December 2012.

RP was thanked for all his work in preparing and submitting these applications.

Gannochy Trust application. WMcG tabled his seven-page draft application for major funding. This draft includes a breakdown of expenditure including funding for an employee or contracted person, for three years. Youth training is included. HPCLT will need to demonstrate the ability to handle larger amounts of money than previously and show that we can attract more young people. WMcG pointed out that HPCLT's lack of a track record is a disadvantage. He thought there was great benefit in working in collaboration with JMT as much as possible. Mike Daniels had previously suggested that HPCLT join JMT in a 'Living Landscape' project, together with the adjoining Kynachan estate which has now agreed to take part. The Heritage Lottery Fund is involved. RP will circulate information about this project. **ACTION RP**

The Gannochy Trust will meet in February or March to discuss applications for funding.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to WMcG for the large amount of work on applications and for making several special journeys from Edinburgh. We will follow his suggestion for a special meeting next week to discuss the application,

Volunteers: Nicky Nicoll has confirmed that volunteers from the Highland Youth Project in Aberfeldy will be visiting Dun Coillich regularly. Trustees recognised that this will be an excellent community involvement.

Tree Planting. James Shorthouse had been contacted (with difficulty). The Shorthouses had suggested that quotes from other contractors should be obtained. They quoted £150 per thousand trees planted in existing mounds and £250 otherwise. Fertiliser would be applied. WMcG confirmed that these were good prices. He will email names of other possible contractors. **ACTION WMcG**

The Shorthouses had previously agreed to accept delivery of the trees. It was thought best to stick with this arrangement. The timing and location for delivery needs to be confirmed. **ACTION RP**

AP pointed out that areas where trees had mostly not survived should not be replanted.

New Trustees: Innes Smith has agreed to stand for election at the next AGM; this was welcomed by all particularly as he was an original Trustee and a signatory of the Woodland Grant Scheme. Harry Ross, a retired primary school head teacher, has also agreed to stand.

Shirley Jones memorial bench: Mrs George (sister) will come to see the bench in the spring. There is a plaque to be attached, by a friend of the family. BH emphasised the opportunity for publicity for HPCLT, and also for JMT,

arising from this occasion. Perhaps 'Landward' (TV) and newspapers (Courier etc) could be involved, as well as 'Comment' etc. **ACTION TW and BillH**

TW suggested that the fence adjacent to the bench might be moved, to improve the view. However this would mean moving 4 strainers and is not a priority at present. Thanks to TW for organising the project are minuted.

Microscopes. Pitlochry High School has donated two good quality microscopes to the visitor hut. These will require a light source, slides and cover slips.

AGM: TW has booked Camserney hall for Saturday 23rd March 2013. Professor Geoffrey Boulton has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker. He suggested an 'anthropocene' theme for his talk. SW asked for a local bias, if possible. PJ and MJ will ask GB to devise a suitable title and will send a notice to 'Comment' in time for the February issue. BH pointed out that the deadline is next week! **ACTION PJ and MJ.** Other local publications (The Bridge, Newsround North, Killin News) will also be contacted.

Treasurer's Report Spread sheets showing details of expenditure and income for the current financial year to date have been circulated, together with those for the financial year ending 30th November 2012.

Unrestricted funds now stand at £13,725.74 and restricted (raised for the visitor hut) at £3480.67.

AOB: TF reported that the mink raft has been vandalised –by 'mink-huggers'? MJ will notify Ann-marie MacMaster. **ACTION MJ**

BillH had found out the cost of printing copies the newsletter compiled by RP and already sent to members by email. He suggested that 50 printed copies, cost £150, should be distributed in local Health Centres, dentist waiting rooms, TICs, libraries, hospitals etc. Further suggestions to be given to BillH. **ACTION ALL**

BillH was asked to go ahead with this, preferably using Wordwright, as a local enterprise, to do the printing.

ACTION BH

RP suggested another potential Trustee, Jim Low, a BTO volunteer, now retired from P and K council Property Services. However, as a Perth resident his eligibility for election needs to be checked **ACTION RP**

BillH and TF had responded to a consultation by the Land Reform Review Group on behalf of HPCLT

AP suggested free membership of HPCLT to all residents, to boost membership numbers, which were agreed to be lower than we would like. This was rejected as impractical and unlikely to be acceptable by OSCR. However, arising from this it was agreed that all who had worked on DC as volunteers, particularly school children, school children, should have free membership. Special badges, or pens such as those from Burnside joiners, which include a light, were other suggestions. TW will investigate.

ACTION TW

Dates of future meetings

Thursday 31st January 2013 at TW's: special meeting to discuss Gannochy Trust application

Monday 21st February 2013 at West Tempar, at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9 pm