

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Scottish Charity Number: SC032801

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting held at Gate Cottage Kinloch Rannoch
Monday 31th July at 7.30 pm.

Present: Andy Walker (chairman), Margaret Jarvis (minutes), Heather Hamilton, Bill Hoare, Richard Paul, Bobby Wardle, Trish Waite, Ian Wilkinson

1: Apologies: Mike Dickson, Ann Macintosh, John Marshall, Willie McGhee, Richard Rees, Emma O'Shea, Kelsey Wilson

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 5th June, 2017: approved

3: Matters arising: alternative insurance cover: IW confirmed that we currently had no cover for trees. Zurick requires much information and might charge ca £5000 pa. He had not been able to contact CWA about this. The meeting decided not to include the trees in the insurance policy. HH will check with WMcG about this. **ACTION HH**
Mike Nixon will take over as treasurer: IW is very happy with his potential.
Funding for project officer: IW and WMcG have this under control. WMcG and BH will apply to the Basil Death fund which is very relevant. **ACTION BH and WMcG**
Orkney Festival: RR has notified our interest for next year.
Data Protection Act: CL will include this in his Trustees seminar next year. We will need to tidy up our membership list and have a 'compliance plan'. AW expressed a hope for a simple template for this.
Thrift shop: BH has applied for next year but we have to wait to know if his application is successful.

4: Financial Report: the financial report was circulated by IW. The balance in the business account is £15,499 and in the project account £8,671. There had been an anonymous donation of £3,421 to the project account. The hire of a portaloos is now paid from the current account

5: Forestry and deer culling: WMcG's report was emailed today. The site meeting with Neil Macfarlane on 4th July was positive. NM will ascertain whether HPCLT is still entitled to WGS grant (we are) and to how much. This will be decided on July 2nd:nd may be up to £25K. WMcG contacted BH to see what we thought we were entitled to. He will discuss with Julie Gardiner. **ACTION WMcG and JG**
No information on recent roe deer culls.

6: Heart of Scotland project: This was launched on 15th July; a number of Trustees and advisors were present. Funding update; Heritage Lottery Fund; application for £50K. Gannochy Trust Application for £3k over three years. Griffin and Calliachar Fund 30K, first stage of consideration in September; second in November. Woodland trust; £30K for fencing, preferably the Allt Mhor section on the north side. HPCLT contribution of £7K pa from hydro revenue. Charitable donations and local sponsorship. Suggestions needed from Trustees. **ACTION ALL**
JMT has launched a public appeal Anything raised over the target £35K to £40K may be channelled to HPCLT. We should promote the appeal and maybe launch our own. FC Scotland, estimated £7500 from outstanding WGS plus annual £1000 for deer management, GARfield Weston £10K and Esme Fairbairn £20K

7: Project Officer's report: HH tabled her report. Imogen Gibbon, intern with JMT was thanked for her input. HH will get a card for all to sign. **ACTION HH**

8: Aberfeldy land update: The decision to use the name 'Wee Birks field' was made. Jeannie Grant had asked the Gaelic class at Breadalbane for ideas about what they what like to see there. They suggested a garden with flowers, swings and a dog poo bin. AW will ask Jeannie to thank them for the suggestions. BH has been in touch with Galbraiths, who mow the grass at the top of the area. He will probably be invited to attend the residents' meeting. There is a need to define the southern boundary; CL advises that we should exercise our right of access and that it is important to maintain regular use.
BH's article about the Wee Birks Field is in the August edition of the Quair. BH wishes to apply for a grant for seating, trees, a scythe etc from the Griffin fund. **ACTION BH**

9: Hydroscheme update: AW and BH had a meeting last week with Jason Drummond of Green Highland Renewables who wish to raise the height of the weir, thus creating a larger pond above it. They will plant trees as a screen and propose a fence on JMT land to facilitate regeneration. BH and AW are happy with this. Nothing will happen for a year or so. The overall aim is to reduce the need for frequent maintenance and increase the generation to the two megawatt potential. They will meet with JMT soon and then seek planning permission. They may be willing to help HPCLT by transporting fencing materials.

10: Website, facebook: AW will send round a prototype of Trustees for the website, as suggested by RR. **ACTION AW**
AW would like to set up dropbox access; this was deferred for the time being.

11: HPCLT logo: HH said that the lack of a HPCLT logo in the Heart of Scotland project stood out. A suggested logo design had been drawn by Nicky Maclure comprising a hen harrier and a granny pine, within a square border. This was approved after the hen harrier had been made more realistic and less peregrine-like.

12: Changes to constitution: BH reported that the constitution dates from 2002 and much of it relates only to the first meeting. It requires only one section now and CL will cap the fee for a new version at £750 plus VAT. BH proposed that we introduce a new constitution at the AGM 2018. CL will need to check that we observe the 'aims and objectives'. AW undertook to read the Constitution. The meeting approved that we go forward with organising a new one. **ACTION AW**

13: Discussions between HPCLT and Bioclimate about a link: Bioclimate no longer exists so this is no longer relevant.

14: Rotary talk by WMcG: This will be next week. He replaces HH who will be away.

15: Resignation of Gordon Stronach as Trustee: GS has moved away and has resigned.

16: AOB:

IW will work together with Mike Nixon before change of treasurer. **ACTION IW**
MJ suggested having information on the website about leaving money in a will to HPCLT. BH has clarified the the issue of the DC southern border. This is a neat corner, not an odd projection.

Archiving: BH will circulate a note about this **ACTION BH**

RP reported that Amy Alderson and David Hannaly – volunteers on Tuesdays - have suggested that we need a membership welcome pack. IW wanted to have a membership list including only paid-up membes. Membership cards were suggested. AW will consider the options but no decision was made. **ACTION AW**

17: Date and venue of next meeting:

Monday 2nd October at 7.30. at Duireaskin, Aberfeldy.