

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust

Incorporating the Dùn Coilich Project

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Grandtully Hall at 3.00 p.m. Saturday 20 March 2010

Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman, Paul Jarvis, welcomed about 22 people to the eighth AGM of the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust.

1. Apologies: Tim Ambrose, Gordon Evans, Tim Fison, Bill Hoare, Gillian Hull, Colin Liddell, Hamish and Elisabeth Nicholson, Jimmy Stewart, Ray Taylor.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 March 2009 (circulated): Approved. Proposed by Rob Coope, seconded by Margaret Jarvis.

3. Matters Arising. These matters were discussed under appropriate agenda items below.

4. Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November, 2009 (circulated): The Chairman presented the Trustees' Report and Accounts comprising the Trustees' Activities and The Independent Financial Examiner's report and Statement of Financial Activities. The Keltneyburn Hydro Scheme is now completed. We will receive two annual payments from the scheme. The Rural Stewardship Scheme (RSS) closed in June and has been re-organised. No further small grants will be available in the future. The Woodlands and Woodland Grant Scheme (WSS) has terminated and the final report submitted. The Volant Trust loan has been repaid. We must now ensure that the trees we have planted survive and are replanted as necessary. Future planting will be aided by the establishment of a fenced, enclosed nursery area. We will continue to control deer intrusions as much as possible. The OEF is still underused, but access problems should be helped by the new combination lock. In response to a question, it was suggested that the number of the combination should be circulated to members. The educational use of Dun Coilich has increased considerably this past year. We now have a risk assessment document in place. More publicity is needed to encourage use by the general public and to increase membership. The accounts had been prepared by the Independent Financial Examiner, Tim Ambrose FCA, CTA (Fellow) who was unable to be present. The draft Statement of Account had been circulated. The Treasurer made a short statement about the accounts.

5. Approval of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 30 November 2009: The document was approved as a whole. Proposed by Keith Griffith. Seconded by Clare Thomas.

6. Retirement and Election of Trustees. The following Trustees retired and did not seek re-election: Gordon Evans, Ann Partridge. The following Trustees retired and were seeking re-election: Clare Thomas, Rob Coope. Andy Pointer has been nominated for election. There being sufficient vacancies for all nominees, the chairman declared Clare Thomas (proposed by Paul Jarvis, seconded by Margaret Jarvis); Rob Coope (proposed by Paul Jarvis, seconded by Margaret Jarvis); and Andy Pointer (proposed by Clare Thomas, seconded by Paul Jarvis) duly elected. Ben Henderson will be co-opted at the next Trustees' meeting. The Chairman expressed the thanks of all Trustees to Gordon Evans and Ann Partridge for their service on the Board.

7. Fixing the Annual Subscriptions: It was proposed that subscription rates would remain unchanged.

8. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner: Tim Ambrose is prepared to continue.

9. Any other competent business. In response to a question about proposing changes to the constitution of HPCLT, the chairman explained that this matter will be discussed by the Trustees and then recommended changes will be brought to the membership for a vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.