

Leadhills Community Company Ltd

Minutes of closed Board Meeting

12th June

6.45pm at the Hopetoun Arms

Present: Martin Pinkus
Sue Pinkus
Rab Campbell
Pat Wilders

Sue and Martin reported back on their attendance of the AGM of Community Land Scotland. Summarised as follows:

The Big Lottery will fund £120 per acre.

Pollution. Sue has information on a community purchase of MOD land which was badly contaminated. The clean up was undertaken by the MOD.
In our case there is pollution which previously SEPA has informed us that the Estate would be liable for costs. However, this may need to be clarified if we aim to include any heavily polluted land in the buyout.

Pre - Acquisition. The Scottish land fund will cover up to £30,00 for a feasibility study. They will also fund a post at a salary up to £100,000 for 3 years. This would be necessary for us as we would need outside expertise to help us in the work up to a buyout.

Pairc Trust. Sue has details of this which was a buyout with a non willing owner. We might be in a good position to prove "harm" to the community if we cannot purchase the land as stated in the land reform bill.

Business Plan. Pat asked Sue and Martin if their accountant would be willing to assist us with this. They think that the accountant would very probably help.

Meeting ended at just after 7pm with the arrival of two members.

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Public Meeting 12th June

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Present:	Martin Pinkus	Vice Chair
	Sue Pinkus	Treasurer
	Rab Campbell	Director
	Pat Wilders	Chair
	Karin Oostindjer	Member
	John Shirley	Member

Andy Wightman - Sue and Martin confirmed that Andy would not be able to continue with the land searches until after the parliament recess. He also commented that the searches are very complex and that we would have mapping showing only blocks of land which are owned by Hopetoun Estate.

Bank Signatories - Pat to find a change of signatures form for Sue Pinkus. ACTION: Pat

Visit to Carrifran - Chair asked for dates to forward to Carrifran for possible visit.

Fire Station this would be an ideal venue for the company to acquire. At present, however, the firebrigade are awaiting the outcome of proceedings against certain members and it would be better to wait for this before contacting them.

Ailsa Raeburn - She is the Head of Community Assets within Community Land Scotland. It would be a good idea to invite her to an upcoming meeting in order to discuss various points she has raised in an email and conversation with Rab. There is money available for a feasibility study.

It was also pointed out that the invitees to today's meeting did not attend or send apologies.

John Shirley, who is assisting with noting good bird nesting sites on the land and has been in consultation with various experts on this.

Actions arising from the meeting.

1. Martin to email a copy of the map to John Shirley
2. The feasibility study to be started by Sue and Pat
3. Previous paperwork still outstanding including the company registration certificate. Pat to contact Graham; Sue and Martin to contact Anjo.

9pm

Next meeting 10th July