



Dunning Community Trust

DRAFT – for approval at 1st AGM

Minutes of the inaugural General Meeting of DCT held on 16th May 2005 in Dunning Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Interim Directors, Elspeth Pentland (EP - in the Chair) and Andrew Thompson (acting secretary) and 46 out of a total of 86 members of DCT

Apologies: Ian Philip (interim director), Frances Minto, Lorne Wallace, Patricia Wallace, Ted Dorsett

Minutes: A record of the previous meeting of the Kincladie Wood Steering Group held on 12th April 2005 were read, approved and signed.

Chairman's Report: EP summarised the events, timetable and milestones surrounding the process of setting up DCT and acquiring Kincladie Wood, which had been made possible by the generosity of Ian Philip in making available the purchase price of the wood by way of a loan on favourable terms to DCT. In Ian's absence in hospital the members showed their appreciation of his support of the Trust and it was agreed to send a get well card from the meeting.

EP explained to the members the nature of DCT's constitution as a company limited by guarantee with membership open to all members of the community, and run by an elected Board of Directors for the benefit of the wider community. The purpose of the first general meeting being for the election of directors by the membership EP thanked the retiring interim directors and members of the Kincladie Wood Steering Group – Duncan McColl, Tony Keane, Sandy Andrews, Paul Cookson, Ted & Carol Dorsett, Anne & David Myles, George Wilson, Darrell Fawcett, Felicity Martin, Bill & Zenka Howie, David Pentland, Jane Graham (Acting Membership Secretary) Ian Philip (Interim Director) and Andrew Thompson (Interim Director)

Election of Directors: Nominations of members willing to serve as directors of DCT were read out, with details of proposers and seconders. As the number of nominations did not exceed the places available a vote was not required and the following were ratified by the meeting to serve as Directors of DCT;- Ian Philip, Elspeth Pentland, Paul Cookson, Carol Dorsett, David Myles, Arthur Wright, John Ritchie, and Andrew Thompson.

Kincladie Wood Management Group: Paul Cookson explained about potential management options for the wood and the need to prepare a management plan to balance and deliver community aspirations for future use of the wood and to support applications to the Forestry commission for grant funding. Members willing to be involved with the ongoing management of the wood were invited to make themselves known to Paul who would convene a working management group.

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Membership Fees: Following discussion, the meeting agreed that membership fees should be set at £5.00 for adults (Ordinary and Associate Members) and £1.00 for juniors

Other business: It was noted that Dunning Community Council would be invited to appoint a director to serve on the board of DCT, in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

It was also noted that office bearers, to include chairman, vice chairman, membership secretary, and treasurer would be appointed by the board of directors; that Douglas Graham of McLeod & MacCallum, Solicitors, Inverness would continue to act as Company Secretary; and that the directors would appoint an auditor to be ratified by the membership at the following AGM.

The formal business of the General Meeting concluded at 8.35pm. There followed general discussions amongst the members and directors about the purchase, funding and future management of Kincladie Wood.

End

Minutes agreed as a true record of the first General Meeting of Dunning Community Trust

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____