

# Huntly & District Development Trust

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## Huntly & District Development Trust (HDDT)

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on

17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 19:00, OAP Hall, Church Street, Huntly

#### Present:

##### Members (based on signed attendance):

Winnie Adam, Fiona Alderson, Sandra Brantingham, Mary Burgerhout, Eileen Cosgrove, Rita Haefner, Jane Lockyer, Uschi Mitchell, Hazel McLaren, Peter Rawlings, Lynn Rutter, Kathleen Scott, Pat Scott, Dave Simpson, Ingrid Wylie

##### No-Members (Now members)

Sheena Sharp, Jake Smith, Juliette Walker

##### Stakeholders

Cllr John Latham

##### Researchers from James Hutton Institute

Annabel Pinker, Kirsty Holsted

##### Apologies:

##### Members

Eleanor Anderson, Willie Anderson, Alisanne Ennis, Herbert Eppel, Fraser MacDonald, Shona Paxton, Thomas Paxton, Margo Wordie

##### Stakeholders

Bill Clark (Aberdeenshire Council), Janelle Clark (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr Katrina Farquhar, Morna Harper (Aberdeenshire Council), Reid Hutchison (Aberdeenshire Council),

##### HDT Board

Richard Hammock (RH Chair), Les Allan (LA), Neil Angus (NA), Fiona Manson (FM), Bruce Murray (BM), Ronald Pittendrigh (RP), Iain Ralston (IR), Sharon Scapens (SS), Mary Scott (MS), Claudia Zeiske (CZ)

**Apologies:** Stuart Thomson (ST Finance)

##### In attendance:

##### HDT Staff

Jill Andrews (JA), Greenmyres Project Manager, Donald Boyd (DB), Development Manager, Oli Giles (OG), Room to Roam Green Travel Project Manager, Debbie Haefner (DH, Minutes), Administration Manager

**Scottish Land Fund**  
Ionmhas Fearainn Na H-Alba



## PART 1: AGM

### 1. **Welcome, Apologies and Introduction**

HDDT Chair Richard Hammock opened the Trust's sixth AGM, welcoming all those attending and noting that a long list of apologies had been received.

### 2. **Approval of Draft Minutes AGM 2014**

The Draft Minutes of the previous AGM (30<sup>th</sup> September 2014) were approved by all in attendance. Proposed – Mary Scott, seconded – Sandra Brantingham

### 3. **Chair's Report / Annual Review**

RH gave a review of the past year where significant goals had been achieved.

#### AGM 2014

- Cairnborrow approved
- Greenmyres site development ongoing
- Greenmyres turbine approved
- Grid connection in 2016
- Climate Challenge Fund
- Car Club up and running
- Community Shares
- Feasibility study for solar PV underway
- 4 New Directors
- Keynote speaker at DTAS Conference
- Voted onto CES Board

#### Challenges for 2015 onwards:

- Bring in more unrestricted funding.
- Despite advertising there has been no suitable applications to join HDT Board for the position of Chair, therefore RH has agreed to stay on as Chair for the next 10 months or until a replacement is sought (whichever is first).

RH thanked the Directors, staff and volunteers for all their hard work over the past year.

Oli Giles, Project Manager Room to Roam Green Travel Hub explained a bit about where he is currently at with his project. The Car Club is now up and running with 3 low emission vehicles available at convenient locations around the town. Huntly's inaugural Audax took place, e-bikes available to use, Talks from Graeme Obree, Mark Beaumont and Shannon Galpin. Oli will be available for questions in Part 2.

Jill Andrews, Project Manager Greenmyres explained the current situation with Greenmyres. Consultation stages 1 & 2 are complete. 3 visions were developed. The working group have been a huge support which Jill thanked very much. A community bankers "away day" was a huge success which saw

the house being whitewashed, a bridge built and trees chipped. A fishing experiment is currently ongoing. Jill is working with potential partners to further develop the site.

**4. Financial Report:**

DB presented the financial report and draft accounts in the absence of Stuart Thomson, finance director.

**5. Election of Directors**

DB explained the election process.

- Standing down under Article 62(a) and re-elected were Directors Les Allan (proposed Jane Lockyer, seconded Mary Burgerhout), Neil Angus (proposed Pat Scott, seconded Mary Scott), Ronald Pittendrigh (proposed Mary Scott, seconded Jane Lockyer), Iain Ralston (proposed Bruce Murray, seconded Les Allan).
- Standing down under Article 62(b) and re-elected were Directors Bruce Murray (proposed Eileen Cosgrove, seconded Dave Simpson), Mary Scott (proposed Lynn Rutter, seconded Uschi Mitchell), Stuart Thomson (proposed Richard Hammock, seconded Pat Scott).

**6. Members Questions**

Jane Lockyer asked if members meetings will continue. Yes they will continue once yearly, members can also speak to a Director at any other time should the need arise.

**7. AOCB**

RH introduced Annabel and Kirsty, researchers from the James Hutton Institute. Annabel explained that their research has been part of their EU project. They have sat in at Board meetings, Greenmyres working group meetings and attended HDDT events.

**8. Close of meeting**

There being no further business, RH closed the AGM at 19.45

Break for cakes by Rhynie Woman and refreshments served by Aileen & Annie of Huntly OAP Social Club

**Part 2: Table Talk**

The assembled company then looked around the display material and chatted with HDDT staff/directors.

**9. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 21.00.