**MINUTES**

**Meeting of Scottish Land Fund Committee**

**25 May 2022**

**Seven Buchanan Street, Glasgow**

**Members:**

Cara Gillespie Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

Tom Black Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Malcolm Combe Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Alan Hobbett Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Bobby Macaulay Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Pauline Megson Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Janet Miles Vice-Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

**Staff:**

Tony Crosbie Operations Manager, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Rebekah Dundas Funding Manager, National Lottery Community Fund

**Observing:**

Dave Thomson Head of Community Land Team, Scottish Government

Funding Officers, National Lottery Community Fund

Highlands and Islands Enterprise SLF Case Officers

1. **OPENING REMARKS**
   1. The Chair welcomed Committee Members and staff to this Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   1. There were no apologies for absence.
   2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES FROM SLF MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 2022**
   1. The minutes of the Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting held 2nd March 2022 were approved as an accurate record.
4. **PIPELINE REPORT**
   1. Tony provided an overview of the pipeline report. He confirmed that there is a healthy pipeline with 60-70 projects expected to apply for stage 2 in the financial year (total value c£13-14m). Half of these are expected to be building acquisitions, and two thirds are expected to be of a smaller value under £100k.
   2. Demand remains steady as indicated by the number of new referrals received with 13 referrals received last month.
5. **OVERVIEW PAPER** 
   1. Rebekah informed Members about the budget for this meeting. She confirmed that initial enquiries to the SLF remains stable.
   2. The press embargo for this meeting is to be confirmed by the Scottish Government.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

6.1 Three applications were considered for decision making.

6.2 Three applications were awarded funding.

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| **Name of Applicant** | **Project** | **Award** |
| Cranhill Development Trust | Cranhill Urban Village | £158,336  Capital - £141,536  Revenue - £16,800 |
| Portgordon Community Trust | Portgordon Community Hub Development Project | £155,498  Capital - £123,998  Revenue - £31,500 |
| The Langholm Initiative | Tarras Valley Community Nature Reserve | £1,000,000  Capital - £1,000,000  Revenue - £nil |
| Total Awarded |  | **£1,313,834**  **Capital -£1,265,534**  **Revenue -£48,300** |

1. **END OF YEAR REPORT FOR MINISTER**
   1. Members commented how comprehensive the report is and agreed to send the report to the Minister as it is.
   2. Cara to write a cover letter to go with the report.
2. **END OF GRANT REPORT FROM PROJECTS**

8.1 Members found project EOG reports an interesting read, especially around the challenges and learning points from community groups. They would like to receive selected reports in batches.

1. **DISCUSSION WITH SCOTTISH LAND COMMISSION**

9.1 Hamish Trench (CEO) and Andrew Thin (Chair) joined in the meeting at 13.00 and had an open discussion about latest developments in the land market with Committee and staff.

9.2 The Chair thanked Hamish and Andrew for joining the meeting.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Members discussed the format for the next two meetings in August and November 2022 and agreed that the August meeting on Wed 24th will be a virtual meeting through MS Teams and the November meeting could be in person, subject to review nearer to the time.

10.2 Members found guest speakers a useful source of information and suggested more speakers and themed project visits (virtual or physical) that could be incorporated into future meetings.

**11. FINISH**

11.1 The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and for attending the meeting.

11.2 There being no further business the meeting closed at 14.20.