

## MINUTES

### Meeting of Scottish Land Fund Committee 23rd August 2023 in TNLCF Office, Glasgow and by MS Teams

#### 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, the National Lottery Community Fund
Fiona Grant	Business Support Officer (Governance), The National Lottery Fund Community Fund (minutes)

#### Observing:

Dave Thomson	Head of Community Land Team, Scottish Government
	Funding Officers, National Lottery Community Fund Highlands and Islands Enterprise SLF Case Officers

#### Guests:

Nye Todd	Scottish Government (item 6)
Neil Moir	Rural & Islands Housing Fund (item 8)
Davey Campbell	Shapinsay Development Trust (item 8)

#### 1. OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and staff to this Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 2.2 The following declarations of interest were received:
  - i. Pauline Megson declared an interest in Resonate Together. This was an indirect declaration of interest. The Member did not participate in the discussion and was not involved in the decision making on this case.
  - ii. Janet Miles declared an interest in Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum. This was a direct declaration of interest and the Member left the room and was not involved in the decision making for this case.

- iii. Sandra Holmes, Head of Community Assets, HIE declared an interest in Plockton & District Community Trust. This was a direct declaration of interest. Sandra left the meeting and was not involved in the decision making for this case.

### 3. MINUTES FROM SLF MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2023

3.1 The minutes of the Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

### 4. PIPELINE REPORT

4.1 Tony provided an overview of the pipeline report and noted that there have been 6 new referrals in the last week. Members noted that the SLF is in a healthy position with projects in the pipeline and a good reach across Scotland. Members noted that the team at HIE will be attending some TSI events and will be able to talk to local groups interested in applying for funding.

4.2 The Chair thanked Tony for his helpful update.

### 5. OVERVIEW PAPER

5.1 Rebekah informed Members about the budget for this meeting, financial planning for the remainder of the year, decision making by Management Group and grants in management at stage one and two.

5.2 Members noted that the SLF team have been updating the SLF guidance documents, terms & conditions and application forms. There has also been a piece of work on State Subsidy so that the Scottish Land Fund can become notified. Members will kept up to date with progress of this work.

5.3 The press embargo for this meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### 6. LAND REFORM SCOTLAND BILL UPDATE

6.1 Nye Todd, joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the progress of the Land Reform Scotland Bill which the Committee noted.

### 7. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

7.1 One application for discussion.

Name of Applicant	Project	Amount Requested
Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company (FAGCC)	Glentarff House, Canalside, Fort Augustus affordable homes	£104,820 Capital - £104,820 Revenue - £0

7.2 Six applications were awarded funding.

Name of Applicant	Project	Award
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Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum	Gairloch and Loch Ewe Community Hub	£337,724 Capital - £277,726 Revenue - £59,998
Great Western Community Trust	Great Western Community Trust	£425,154 Capital - £361,994 Revenue - £63,160
Sunart Community Company	Longrigg Community Wood	£241,782 Capital - £215,310 Revenue - £26,472
The Grantown Society (SICO)	Grantown Resource Hub	£118,663 Capital - £99,096 Revenue - £19,567
Reasonate Together	Carsebridge Cultural Campus	£295,882 Capital - £273,250 Revenue - £22,572
Plockton & District Community Trust	Acquisition of the Old Post Office	£90,459 Capital - £90,459 Revenue - £0
<b>Total Awarded</b>		<b>Total - £1,509,604</b> <b>Capital - £1,317,835</b> <b>Revenue - £191,769</b>

## 8. FOR DISCUSSION: HOUSING

- 8.1 Neil Moir, Rural & Islands Housing Fund and Davey Campbell, Shapinsay Development Trust joined the meeting at 13.00 and had a broad ranging discussion about the post-acquisition development funding available for housing projects and the experience of community trusts on the Orkney Islands working with the SLF and RIHF.
- 8.2 The Chair thanked Neil and Davey for joining the meeting.

## 9. FOR INFORMATION: FAIR WORK FIRST

- 9.1 A paper on the background to FWF and how this will apply to the SLF was presented to the meeting.
- 9.2 Members noted the decision making dates for 2024/25.

## 10. AOCB

- 10.1 Members discussed how the SLF can work with SG policy on Just Transition to Net Zero and noted that it is for SG to develop any new policy in this area.
- 10.2 The Committee noted that the next SLF Committee meetings will be held on:
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 by Teams
- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Inverness and by Teams

Further details on locations and speakers for other meetings to be provided.

## **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 14.30.