

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST
SCIO Scottish Charity no. SC 008783

Approved Minutes of Council Meeting held at 7.45 pm Tuesday 23 January 2024

at Sportsman's Club, Aberdeen

Present: Hamish Clunas (AHWC)**, Mike Duguid**, Brian Heaton*, Morna Harper (AMC)**,
Catherine Lacy-Roberts (Culter HWC)**, Andy McNicoll (MBA)**, Alison Mitchell (RS)**,
Colin Morsley (observer), Donald Thomas*, Ken Thomson (CC)*, Dave Windle* (Chair)
[Charity Trustee as *Individual Member; as **Organisational Representative]

1. Apologies: none

2. Minutes of Council Meeting 12 December 2023: the pre-circulated draft was approved.

3. Matters Arising, other than as below: None.

4. NEMT AGM 2024 (held previously to Council): no matters arising

5. NEMT Management

- 5.1. *Membership and Subscriptions:* Cath has supplied Donald with a PW-protected membership list.
- 5.2. *Finance:* Alison reported that the Trust's bank balance stood at £15,010, following SO receipts on 10/1/2024, and payments of £18.75 for AGM postage, £24 for 2-year domain registration, and £25 for December room hire. A small amount had been received for sales of *Mountain Views* via QR code.
- 5.3. *Website:* Donald reported that he had added contents and text respectively for two issues of *Mountain Views*, and would add the Trust's Glen Prosen submission. He had tidied up some links but had found the webmaster editor rather inefficient.
- 5.4. *Mountain Views:* Dave read out the Spring 2024 issue contents list (already circulated, but may be repeated), and notified the deadline for authors as 15/3/2024.
- 5.5. *Lectures:* MD notified Council that he wished to resign responsibility for this NEMT activity. It was decided to transfer to an *ad hoc* regime, with talks (physical or by Zoom, as convenient) to be arranged as opportunities arose, e.g. book author launches.
- 5.6. *Future Council Meetings:* 26/3, 14/5, 20/8, 1/10, 3/12 and 28/1/2025 after the next AGM.
- 5.7. *NEMT Work Plan:* Dave would revise in time for the next Council meeting.

6. Consultations

- 6.1. *SG Deer Management* (closes 29/3/2024): Dave had started to draft a NEMT response, and would circulate between Ken, Roger and Mike.

7. Threats to Wild Land

- 7.1. *Tracks, Pylons, etc.:* Nothing to report
- 7.2. *Masts:* George's report noted 3 more objections: i) N of W end of Loch Rannoch, (ii) W side of S end of Loch Ericht, and (iii) E end of Loch Mullardoch. He and Dave had considered other proposals (e.g. E side of Loch Ericht) but had decided not to object. On the broader SRN front, it was noted Julia Lopez was now (again) the responsible London Minister, and that the average cost per mast, if ascertainable, would be of interest. Mike had drafted an A4 "bothy notice" on masts such as at Luibeg, and it was decided to post this at Bob Scott's and Corroul (despite NTS doubts) (Mike), and on social media such as the NEMT website (Donald/Ken) and Facebook (Mike).
- 7.3. *Wind Farms:* Dave reported that he had submitted the Trust's Hill of Fare objection. It was noted that two other windfarms had been approved.
- 7.4. *Glen Prosen:* No further news.
- 7.5. *Other:* None.

8. AOCB: None.

Ken Thomson, 27 March 2024