



SCOTTISH LAND COMMISSION
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Minute of the meeting of the Scottish Land Commissioners held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 online

Commissioners Present: Michael Russell (Chair) Deb Roberts, Craig Mackenzie, Lorne MacLeod, Sally Reynolds (Land Commissioners), Bob McIntosh (Tenant Farming Commissioner)

In Attendance: Hamish Trench, Emma Cooper, Nikki Nagler, James MacKessack-Leitch, Kathie Pollard, David Stewart, Andrew Megson.

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: Lorne noted that in respect of any reference to collaboration with Crown Estate Scotland he is due to take up post as a board member of Crown Estate Scotland from 1st September.

1. Minutes of previous meeting 12 June 2024

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Kathie gave an update on action on tax to confirm that in a subsequent meeting with Scottish Government we have agreed to work together with them to review the Commission's 2022 tax recommendations, responses to the question on tax in the land reform bill consultation, and consideration of the proposed carbon land tax.

2. Commissioners Updates

Commissioners gave updates on key activities and events attended on behalf of the Commission since the last meeting.

3. Land for Rural Housing

David introduced the paper, and the report commissioned from University of Glasgow. Commissioners welcomed the report, noting it provides substantive analysis and evidence to inform possible actions. The board discussed a number of questions arising from the report including:

- The impact of concentrated land ownership and links to the land reform bill in the recommendations;
- Whether it is already clear where priority areas to target support for Local Place Planning would be;