



Clydebelt News

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Clydebelt is the organisation dedicated to protecting our Greenbelt heritage in the Kilpatrick Hills.
It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit-making

Woodlands - what next?

Kilpatrick Woodlands is still waiting for the Forestry Authority to decide if they will award a Community Woodland grant for 370 hectares of new woodlands in the Kilpatrick Hills.

Although the Forestry Authority had received comments from various groups, including Clydebelt, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Ramblers As-

sociation, Friends of the Earth, and the Community Council Forum, they are now waiting for a second round of comments on landscape issues from Scottish Natural Heritage and the Clydebank District Council.

Clydebelt hopes to have some further news of the Community Woodlands, and other items, at the meeting to be held on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm

Meeting

Monday
14th November 1994
7.30pm

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details

We win some & lose some at Inquiry

A Public Enquiry was held last year on appeals against the Clydebank District Local Plan.

The Reporter has now given his verdict, and the Council have amended the Local Plan.

Cochno Road

Clydebelt spoke up at the Enquiry to support the Council against appeals from three landowners to have Greenbelt land released for building. The Reporter, Mr G Pease, rejected appeals to release land around Three-Acres and No 8 Holding off Cochno Road.

Carleith Steading

But at the Inquiry the Planning Department disagreed with the official Council policy (and Clydebelt) on Carleith Steading, and the Reporter decided that it should be removed from the

green belt.

So we now believe that planning consent will be given to house building on the Carleith site.

Cochno and Edinbarnet

Clydebelt also opposed a move to put a clause into the Local Plan that seems to permit extensions, of any size, around Estate houses such as Cochno and Edinbarnet.

We wanted them to add the parts in italics to the offending clause: *"WITHIN THE AREA OF GREEN BELT SHOWN ON THE PROPOSAL MAP THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT - UNLESS ... IT FORMS PART OF A SMALL EXTENSION (WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA) TO AN ESTABLISHMENT OR INSTITUTION STANDING IN EXTENSIVE GROUNDS (SUCH AS WOODLAND POLICIES OR PARK LAND)."*

The Reporter decided in our favour, and recommended:

UNLESS ... IT FORMS PART OF AN ESTABLISHMENT OR INSTITU-

TION STANDING IN EXTENSIVE GROUNDS (SUCH AS WOODLAND POLICIES OR PARK LAND), PROVIDED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IS OF LIMITED SCALE AND VISUAL IMPACT, SUCH THAT THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA IS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED".

The Council has chosen to make the wording less specific:

UNLESS ... IT FORMS PART OF AN ESTABLISHMENT OR INSTITUTION STANDING IN EXTENSIVE GROUNDS (SUCH AS WOODLAND POLICIES OR PARK LAND), PROVIDED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COUNTRYSIDE CHARACTER OF THE AREA".

Clydebelt will need to be alert to any proposal that tries to take advantage of this looser wording. If it comes to another planning decision, then the Reporter's recommendations should provide the correct interpretation of the change to this clause.

Meeting

Woodlands Saltings Auchnacraig ... Loch Lomond ? Glennifer Braes ?

you are invited to the
Clydebelt Members' first

Agenda

Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Monday
14th November 1994

in the Trinity Church,
Roman Road, Duntocher

We will discuss issues raised
in this Newsletter, and any
more that arise. The meeting
is for all who are members
(eg who receive this
newsletter).

Come and make your
feelings known.

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Membership Fees or not?
4. News
5. Current issues
6. Election of Committee
7. Any other competent business

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There are lots of issues lurking at the moment, and any of them could suddenly emerge as a threat to our enjoyment of the greenbelt.

The meeting is for all those who are members - all who have supported us so far, and all who receive this newsletter - to decide the way forward.

Many of the existing Committee are willing to continue, but we hope that several fresh faces will volunteer to join them.

Nominations will be accepted at the meeting for postholders - chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, minutes secretary, publicity officer, and others.

We need people with skills, people with time, and people with links to other groups, but above all people who care.

Changes to the way Clydebelt works

The Committee has been working to the Constitution agreed last year, but has found some aspects not quite clear or appropriate.

At the AGM there will be a proposal to change the Constitution slightly.

The revised wording is shown here in bold type.

The changes are mainly in recognition that we need to be able to spring into action in a big way at short notice, but in between the crises we can deservedly take things more easily.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. The name of this organisation shall be Clydebelt.
2. The aims and objectives of this organisation shall be to retain and enhance the natural heritage and Greenbelt status of the Kilpatrick Hills.
3. Membership shall be open to anyone who agrees with and accepts the aims and objectives of this organisation regardless of race, creed or political persuasion.
4. Membership fees shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall endure for one year.
5. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings and shall be circulated to all Committee members.
6. A financial report shall be made at every membership and Committee meeting and full accounts will be presented at the AGM. Full financial records shall be available for inspection to any member on written request. Financial records shall be audited annually by two auditors (who shall not be Committee members) appointed by the AGM.
7. Membership meetings shall be held on **an ad-hoc basis as issues arise** and shall be called under public notice.
8. A Committee shall be elected from the membership at the AGM and shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the membership. The Committee shall meet regularly as required and not less than six times a year.
9. The Committee shall consist of **up to** twenty members, including office bearers. The office bearers shall be: chairperson, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, minute-secretary, and publicity-officer.
10. A decision-making quorum shall require **forty** members at a membership meeting, and **five** Committee members at a Committee meeting.
11. Voting shall be by a show of hands and open to all members. At a Committee meeting only elected **Committee** members shall be eligible to vote.
12. Clydebelt can be dissolved only at a quorate AGM or EGM, providing twenty one days notice of this proposal has been given in writing to the membership. Such a proposal should include provision for disposal of any assets after discharge of liabilities held by, or in the name of the organisation, and any excess will be passed to an organisation with objectives similar to those of Clydebelt.
13. This constitution shall only be amended at a quorate AGM
14. An EGM can be called by the Committee or by a written resolution signed by 20 members, and requires 21 days public notice.