

Cross-Party Group on Crofting

Wednesday 14 June 2023 18.30 - 20.30 by Zoom

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Welcome and apologies

Agenda item 2

Minutes of last meeting – Approval and Matters Arising

Agenda item 3

Carbon trading and crofting

i. Mark Reed (Professor of Rural Entrepreneurship and Director of the Thriving Natural Capital Challenge Centre at Scotland's Rural College SRUC) will talk about research being undertaken on carbon trading;

ii. Ewan Jenkins (Research fellow, St Andrews University) will talk about his research 'Democracy for Peatland Restoration';

iii. James McDougall (Woodland Trust) will update on the work WT has done establishing what the barriers are to tree planting for croft tenants;

iv. David Balharry (John Muir Trust) will talk about peatland restoration for tenant crofters;

v. David Findlay (Crofting Commission solicitor) will give the crofting law perspective on carbon credits.

Agenda item 4

Work at the Commission

i. Arthur MacDonald (Crofting Commission Head of Development) and **Ian Davidson** (Scottish Land Matching Service) will give an update on the development of a service to help bring unused crofts and aspiring crofters together;

ii. Bill Barron (Crofting Commission CEO) will give an update on the work of the Commission.

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Michael Nugent (Scottish Government - Crofting Policy and Legislation) will give an update on crofting law reform.

Agenda item 6

AOB

Agenda item 7

DONM – after summer recess, September, date TBC