

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New Policy Director for Community Land Scotland**

Some changes will be taking place at Community Land Scotland this month. Following six years with the organisation, Peter Peacock, Community Land Scotland's long-standing and highly-respected Policy Director will be standing down from his role. Community Land Scotland is, however, pleased to say that while the arrangements are changing, Peter will continue to provide strategic advice to the organisation on a range of issues. From the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Community Land Scotland will welcome its new Policy Director, Calum Macleod.

Ian Hepburn, the Chair of Community Land Scotland made the following statement: *From the beginning of my involvement with Community Land Scotland I've had opportunities to meet many people and benefit from their advice, none more so than Peter Peacock. Last summer, much to my disappointment, Peter indicated that he wished to spend more time with his family and on pursuits other than Community Land Scotland. We have been working to identify a replacement since then.*

*I'm therefore pleased to announce that although Peter is standing down as from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, he'll be replaced by Dr Calum Macleod who will take over the duties of Policy Director as from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Peter will continue his relationship with Community Land Scotland, albeit less intensively, by providing strategic advice on land reform questions and opportunities.*

*Calum, who will be the primary point of contact on policy matters, has worked with Community Land Scotland on several projects before and is well known to many of our members. I look forward working with Calum to continue the progress towards greater community land ownership and the opportunities that that brings to create a sustainable, community lead Scotland.*

Peter Peacock said: *working with Community Land Scotland over the past 6 or so years has been brilliant fun, and we have made a lot of progress on key policy questions to support more community ownership and wider land reform. The people associated with community ownership projects across Scotland are truly inspirational and this sector is much stronger than at any point in the past. I originally joined CLS for only a couple of years after I 'retired'*

*from my previous occupation and I believe it is time for CLS to bring in some fresh perspectives and let me step back from the front line. I am delighted that Calum Macleod will be taking over my past role and he is already well known to many in the sector, but I am also very pleased that Community Land Scotland has asked me to have a continuing role to provide strategic advice on land reform questions and opportunities. I look forward to this; there still remains much to be done until Scotland has greater land justice.*

Dr Calum Macleod said: *“I’m delighted to have been appointed as Community Land Scotland’s new Policy Director. Community land ownership is a vital part of Scotland’s ongoing land reform process and I look forward to contributing to that process on behalf of Community Land Scotland’s members.”*

Dr Macleod’s contact details will be posted on our web site on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. In the meantime, anyone wishing to contact Community Land Scotland in relation to policy matters, should get in touch with Peter Peacock.

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