

## Orbost Estate Meeting – LEC Offices 4 November, 1997

### Main points raised & action required:

- 1 Forestry – 400k sale of Forestry Enterprise block currently stalled
  - Approach to be made to Brian Wilson and Iain Robertson for FE to retain
  - If block is to be sold right of access must be retained
  - Action - Lorne
- 2 New Housing
  - Look at other models (possible transnational input) – houses built in clusters rather than one per holding
  - Possible housing development at site of Beacarie old township
  - Consider private and public housing developments
  - Investigate selling title for house site only – retain interest in the land
- 3 Crofts/Small holdings – no suitable existing framework
  - Scottish Homes are investigating a new rural home ownership grants scheme
  - Investigate new framework that will provide more long term control of the land
- 4 Management – Estate with +1000 sheep
  - Required to be in place for 1 Dec 1997
  - Preferred option is lease of sheep & quota, together with grazing let, with around 15k return – little risk if suitable applicant is found
  - Advert in WHFP
  - Selection interviews to be held
  - Action - Alaistar
- 5 Existing Housing – main farmhouse and new house
  - Retain value of houses until vacant possession is granted - joint deposit receipt
  - Investigate option of short term lets
  - Apply for outline planning for new house around site of existing new house
- 6 Agricultural Buildings – Large sheds
  - Required for estate management – lambing, etc
  - Investigate possible industrial use in the long term
- 7 MacLeod Maidens – Interest expressed by MacLeod of MacLeod in purchasing (23/30k)
  - Hold onto at present but investigate options (exchange for foreshore rights and land at Lonemore possibly)
- 8 Highland Council
  - Keep involved in developments
  - Look at access road to housing development
- 9 RSBP – keen to set-up a management agreement for the Sea Eagles
  - Investigate proposals
- 10 Ministerial Visit – Brian Wilson
  - Arrange handover to suit visit
  - Encourage visits from others
- 11 Orbost Initiative
  - Look on as a national experiment – respond to Lord Sewels discussion paper
  - Jim Hunter to discuss with Brian Wilson

