

Common Grazing Dilemmas - No 4



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In this series, we look at some different dilemmas facing Common Grazings and some ideas for resolution.

Inactive shareholders not willing to contribute to improvements on the common

In the first instance the committee should instruct the clerk to circulate a notice showing the breakdown of the expenditure and allocation of it for each shareholder to all shareholders.

In the situation above a second notice should be circulated showing the reallocation of the cost across the reduced number of participating

shareholders, again this should go to all shareholders and should also include the costs of buying in to the improvement at a later date.

The notice should also include the schedule for collecting the money from the participants, carrying out the work, claiming the grant and reimbursing participants.

A copy of the finally agreed proposal should be sent to the Crofting Commission at the same time as it is circulated to shareholders. This allows the Commission to assess the proposal in the event that a shareholder decides to challenge the content of the proposal.

In the event of a challenge the Commission will confirm the proposal is acceptable, amend it or apply conditions or reject the proposal.

Care is required in considering how sub-tenants of grazing shares can participate in improvements.

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