



**CROFTING COMMISSION
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Benefits of a Common Grazings Committee

Shareholders in a common grazings appoint a grazings committee which is then responsible for the management and maintenance of that common grazings.

Grazings committees are registered with the Crofting Commission and are in office for three years.

A Grazings Committee is able to:

- Manage the Common grazings on behalf of all the shareholders.
- Create new or amend existing regulations which, if confirmed by the Crofting Commission will assist in the overall management of the common grazings.
- Carry out maintenance or replace existing fixed equipment, with the ability to apply for financial assistance.
- Manages the finances relating to the common grazings.
- Ensure that stock grazing is carried out effectively by shareholders, with the ability to allocate any unused shares on a seasonal basis.
- Complete a report to the Crofting Commission every five years, raising any issues of non-residency, inactivity, misuse or neglect.

The Grazings Committee have certain powers and duties under crofting law. Their key roles are:

Apportionment: The Crofting Commission must consult the committee in relation to any apportionment application on the common grazings.

Forestry and Development: Only the committee can take forward crofter forestry projects or alternative uses (beyond grazing or woodland) on the common grazings.

Enforcement: They can report suspected breaches of crofting regulations by shareholders.

Advocacy: The committee can represent crofters in their community, principally in relation to matters involving common grazings.

Appeals: They have the right to request a review of an apportionment.

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