

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 12 December 2017, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Martin Irving, Duncan Gibson, Dave Mockett, Neil MacRae, Georgie Grimson and Lizzie Bird

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<p>1. Minutes of 14 November meeting Approved - Proposed by Martin Irving, seconded by Neil.MacRae</p>							
<p>2 Election of Officers Following the AGM held earlier the Board re-elected</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Colin McAndrew - Chair</td> <td>Proposed by Lizzie Bird Seconded by Neil MacRae</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lizzie Bird - Co. Secretary</td> <td>Proposed by Martin Irving Seconded by Georgie Grimson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Georgie Grimson – Treasurer</td> <td>Proposed by Lizzie Bird Seconded by Colin McAndrew</td> </tr> </table>	Colin McAndrew - Chair	Proposed by Lizzie Bird Seconded by Neil MacRae	Lizzie Bird - Co. Secretary	Proposed by Martin Irving Seconded by Georgie Grimson	Georgie Grimson – Treasurer	Proposed by Lizzie Bird Seconded by Colin McAndrew	
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<p>3 Finance – monthly update a) Donations/Funding towards footpath, see below.</p>							
<p>4 SRDP Footpaths</p> <p>a) Progress to date - Colin reported that the contractors had resumed work on the site The kit bridge was delivered on Tuesday 21 Nov and offloaded at the fank. It was moved onto the site, with many thanks to Duncan for his help and machinery. The build was completed in a couple of days and basic path work has continued and will hopefully be completed soon. Fencing, gates and signage will finish the job early in the New Year.</p> <p>b) Funding and Finance <i>Social Investment Scotland (SIS) Bridging loan.</i> £15K received by our bank on Thursday Nov 16th, two days after our November meeting and Highland Conservation interim Invoice for £18,216 paid by cheque.</p> <p><i>Highland Council</i> Colin confirmed that we have been awarded £5K from the Highland Council Ward Discretionary Budget which was confirmed by email from Robbie Bain at HC. This came about as a direct result of a couple of articles in the press which helped raise public and elected HC members' awareness of the project. Colin received confirmation from HC Finance department that this payment would be via BACS to our bank account.</p> <p>There is still a possibility of £2K from the defunct CC fund but this would not be until 2018 as Robbie Bain would like to hold a public meeting to discuss CC representation for Stromeferry and Achmore</p>							

<p>and the possibility of access of defunct CC funding to the Trust.</p> <p>Crowdfunding Page The crowdfunding page was extended to 16th November and raised a total of £1K (AGM report says just over £1K). The Trust are very grateful to all those who generously donated.</p> <p>Colin will give email updates re situation on finances and progression on the path.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>5. Land issues</p> <p>Damaged bridge – top corner on nursery field. We have still not had no further details as to cost yet. It was agreed to carry this item forward and Lizzie will speak to FCS again re obtaining old fish farm walkways (as a possible deck solution).</p> <p>Woodland Trust – We are awaiting the result of our application</p>	<p><i>Lizzie</i></p> <p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>6. AOB Neil raised the issue of future income and it was agreed to discuss this at our January meeting. Initial ideas were put forward to such as reviewing membership fees and having an open day event to celebrate the completion of the path works.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>

Date of next meeting: 9 January, Achmore Hall, at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm