

Fernaig Community Trust
Minutes of Meeting - 16th February 2016
Achmore Hall

Present: Roddy MacPherson, Duncan Gibson, Georgie Grimson, Colin MacAndrew and Lizzie Bird

Apologies: Dave Mockett, Andy Bone

1. **Minutes of November Meeting** Draft minutes still not received from Andy
Minutes of January Meeting – Approved, proposed by Georgie and seconded by Roddy.
2. **Draft Minutes of 2015 AGM**
Lizzie has now received audited accounts and will attach to AGM notes.
3. **Finance Update**
Georgie confirmed the accounts have now been audited and are ready for OSCR.
Georgie has paid the £50 annual sub to Community Land Scotland.
Georgie will look into the possibility of on-line banking.
Lizzie has received notification of insurance renewal, with the premium only slightly up on last year at £562.93. Invoice passed to George who will pay by cheque.
4. **Update on Forestry Commission re Strome Woods**

Lizzie had responded to Callum Nicholson's email (F CS 05.01/16) and, as discussed at January meeting, details were included and added to Callum's points as well as simple objectives for the Woods to support and direct future management.

Callum accompanied by Bruce Taylor and Lizzie carried out the GPS mapping of the paths in Strome Woods and has produced a better working management draft map for FCT and FCS reference purposes.

The FCS open meeting at the Hall was held on the 10th February

Action : Lizzie will mark up draft maps to name the paths for FCT/FCS use and add a couple of other points raised at the open meeting to the outline proposals for work in the woods.
5. **Whole Farm Review – Update**
Colin had contacted Ron Duncan on the 18th January following our last meeting in light of the board's comments. He received the report from Ron Duncan today (16th February) and had emailed to the board but, as this had not been read by everyone it will be discussed at our next meeting. Included in that discussion should be our 'shopping list' and costings to seek a grant from the Rural Development Programme to improve public access to the FCT land.
6. **Office**
Colin had looked at a potential source of paint for community projects but these only include projects involving re-housing/housing. He had found a brochure on 'barn paint' and will investigate re costings. The other source of funding the painting may be the Highland Council Discretionary Ward fund which Colin will look at. Duncan mentioned 'Norland' in Inverness as another paint supplier.

7. Hay Field

The ponies will come out of the field in two weeks. Colin Parsons has harrowed the field. Roddy will seek an up to date quote for 20 tons of lime for the field.

8. AOB

Lizzie raised the matter of Neil Connelly wanting to acquire a piece of FCS land adjacent to Meah Allen house. He wanted to know if the Trust had any objection to his proposal to acquire the small area of land behind the fence to the entrance to Strome Woods which is sloped and with little access due to wind blow. His main reason in wanting to acquire the land is to improve the drainage at the back and side of the house. The Trust had no objection to Neil taking the matter up with the FCS.

The meeting closed at 20.48

Date of next meeting 8th March, 7.30pm Achmore Hall