

**Fernaig Community Trust**  
**Minutes of Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**  
**Achmore Hall**

**Present:** Neil MacRae, Roddy MacPherson, Dave Mockett, Duncan Gibson, Georgie Grimson, Colin MacAndrew and Lizzie Bird

**Apologies:** Andy Bone

1. **Minutes of November Meeting** Draft minutes not yet received from Andy

2. **Draft Minutes of 2015 AGM**

Lizzie has circulated draft 2015 AGM Minutes but is awaiting Treasurer's report for inclusion  
Lizzie posted approved 2014 AGM Minutes to website

3. **Update on Forestry Commission re Strome Woods**

Colin had circulated email from Callum Nicholson FCS 05.01/16 with notes/actions and a draft management map of the woods based on our meeting with him and also the walk around Strome Woods in December. The points Callum raised were agreed but, as he requested, further details were discussed and added to Callum's points. Also the meeting agreed some simple objectives for the Woods to support and direct future management.

Callum is proposing to GPS map the paths in Strome Woods, date to be confirmed, to produce a more accurate map than exists at the moment. Lizzie is happy to accompany Callum on this exercise. The outcome will hopefully produce a better working management map for FCT and FCS reference purposes and also as a basis for a visitor map.

**Action:** Colin will acknowledge Callum's email and Lizzie will send full response with additional points and objectives as discussed at this meeting.

4. **Whole Farm Review – Update**

Colin had circulated email received from Ron Duncan on 9<sup>th</sup> January together with proposed outline of the WFR report including a series questions to the Trust.

The board felt that the document was not a satisfactory 'report' particularly in light of the two meetings already held with the Trust as well as a site visit when Colin took Ron Duncan around the Trust land. The board felt that during the previous meetings with Ron Duncan the issues faced by the Trust had been raised and limitations explained, so the outline 'report' series of questions have already been answered. There was no mention in the 'report' of the Trust's desire, discussed at length in our last meeting with Ron, to develop access paths across the land and potential funding nor had he answered the questions we raised at the time regarding grant scheme restrictions for areas of Trust land.

**Action:** Colin will respond to Ron Duncan with the board's concerns.

5. **Office**

The external structural work has been finished and paid for.

## **6. Priorities for 2016**

- 1) Prepare, prime and paint the Office's outside boarding – probably in early Spring. Colin has discovered a group called 'Community Repaint' who supply paint to community projects and he will find out further information.
- 2) Re-decorate the Office internally and reconnect the toilet. With this work completed the Trust will have a large office, a small office and the two rental areas but we do need to have a rent review on these areas.
- 3) Need to clear existing paths on Trust land, some paths very overgrown
- 4) Order lime for the hay field to spread in early spring - from March onwards
- 5) Carry out rush control May/June
- 6) Replace broken styles – wood from Bruce

**Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm Achmore Hall**