

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 11 July 2017

Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Neil MacRae, Duncan Gibson, Lizzie Bird and Martin Irving

Apologies: Georgie Grimson, Dave Mockett

1. **Minutes of May Meeting** – Approved. Proposed by Duncan seconded by Colin.
Minutes of Open Meeting June – Approved, Proposed by Colin seconded by Neil
2. **Finance – update**
 - a) CWA membership paid
 - b) Cost re fence repairs along allotment road – split between Crisdean MacRae and the Trust. The Trust has paid its half.
3. **Director – co-option**

It was proposed, with Martin's agreement, that he be co-opted onto the Trust's board. It was unanimously agreed and proposed by Neil, seconded by Duncan.
4. **SDRP Footpaths**
 - a) Colin has been in contact with HMRC regarding the VAT content of the grant. He had telephoned their dedicated 'charities helpline'. There are two courses of action, one to appeal to a VAT tribunal which would involve cost and time and would probably result in the same answer that the VAT will have to be paid. The other course was to use the link to their technical section, which Colin has done, but the feeling is that again the Trust will have to pay the VAT.
 - b) Colin will contact the Ross-shire Journal regarding publicity on the Footpaths project and receiving the grant.
5. **Land issue**

The issue of maintaining fences on the Trust land is a continuing one and there are some that need attention. There needs to be a review as to responsibilities so the leases will be looked at and a procedure put in place to avoid confusion

Hayfield

The hayfield was limed last year and Colin reported that the crop this year looks a lot thicker than in the past and has more clover. With the two interested parties from last year Colin will contact Alex Townsend to see if he interested in the standing crop as last year and to advise Colin P to speak with Alex. Colin said he would do this before the next meeting and update the board by email.
6. **AOB**

Lizzie reported that FCS had strimmed the long grass around the car park in Strome Woods but the view is now being obscured by young tree growth below the car park. She will speak to Forestry re clearing. It was also noted that more camper vans are using the car park as an overnight stop. Some adhere to taking everything with them when they leave but, unfortunately, a few don't.

Date of next meeting: 8th August, Achmore Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.