

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 15th Aug 2017

Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Georgie Grimson, Lizzie Bird and Martin Irving

Apologies: Dave Mockett and Neil MacRae

	Action
<p>1. Minutes of August meeting – Approved. Proposed by Martin, seconded by Colin.</p>	
<p>2. Finance – update</p> <p>a) Expenses paid of £618.19 included electricity and our half of fence repairs along allotment road.</p> <p>b) Income was £90 from outstanding rents. Small holding and allotment rents are now up to date.</p>	
<p>3. SDRP Footpaths</p> <p>a) Colin has been in further contact with HMRC regarding the VAT content of the contractor's bill. They were very helpful but the answer was no. Contact with the Technical assistance department also confirmed a no by just referring to VAT notices.</p> <p>b) Colin had emailed Robbie Bain (HC) two weeks ago re moribund CC account but had not heard anything back. Colin will chase.</p> <p>c) Colin also emailed Phil de Luca at Tilhill to see if they would offer any sponsorship but the email bounced back. Colin sent Tilhill another email to either forward to Phil de Luca or onto someone who would be able to deal with this.</p> <p>d) Colin will prepare and send round draft news/info release to publicise the grant to the Trust. All were asked to think of ideas to promote the paths and send to Colin to help with the news/info release.</p> <p>e) This generated a discussion about doing an appeal at 'Just Giving – Crowd Funding' and it was agreed this was certainly worth a try. With this in mind Lizzie will send email to absent Board members asking for their ideas to be sent to Colin as soon as possible. He will prepare a 'Just Giving' page and, with approval of content, this would go 'live'. At that point Lizzie would promote by adding contact info on the S&A website and also send round an email on the general S&A email list – draft wording to be agreed with Colin before being sent.</p> <p>f) It had been mentioned at the previous meeting that the Trust will investigate loans. Due to the time scale considerations, the directors agreed in principle for Colin and Georgie to go ahead.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Colin</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Colin All</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Lizzie</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Colin Lizzie</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Colin Georgie</i></p>

<p>g) The meeting also discussed possibility of seeking people to offer the Trust a short-term loan. This put on hold until next meeting</p> <p>g) Colin will contact Andy Coleman, Highland Conservation to proceed with the works</p>	<i>Colin</i>
<p>4. Land issues</p> <p>Hayfield - As agreed at the last meeting Colin contacted Alex Townsend to see he was interested in the standing crop as last year and to advise Colin P to speak with Alex. Colin had done this but the hay has not yet been cut.</p>	
<p>5. AOB</p> <p>a) The Trust had received a letter from Companies House regarding PSC (People with significant control re a limited partnership). It does not apply to the Trust as all our leases were change in 2013 to 5 year Short Term leases. Colin replied by email to say our limited partnerships had ended then.</p> <p>b) Shed painting – with wet weather this has been difficult to arrange but it was agreed that Colin would send round an email or call, probably at short notice, to arrange a session/s. Georgie will order the paint but people will need to bring own ladders/brushes. Georgie will try to locate glass to replace one of the cracked window panes.</p>	<i>Colin</i> <i>Georgie</i>

Date of next meeting: 19th September, Achmore Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm