

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 10 July 2018, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew,, Georgie Grimson, Duncan Gibson, Roddy MacPherson

Apologies Martin Irving, Lizzie Bird

	<i>Action</i>
<p>1. Minutes of 12 June 2018 meeting Approved - Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Roddy</p> <p>Matters Arising: Majority are agenda items for this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Duncan has cut the footpath verges along the whole length and was thanked. Some strimming would be beneficial in parts.	
<p>2. Finance Update: June Income</p> <p>£354.00 Smallholding and Office rents</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>£35.41 Electricity Bill</p> <p>Bank Balance 12 June £2,410.31</p> <p>Bank Balance at 10 July £2,728.90</p> <p>It was noted that there will be a change of electricity tariff from 1 August.</p> <p>The donation boxes have provided £18.04 in their first month.</p> <p>The personal loan received should now be repaid.</p> <p>A closing statement on the bridging loan has been received from SIS. It shows that a total of £766.93 was paid in interest over the period of the loan. The arrangement fee was £870, so the cost to the Trust of the loan was £1,636.93 which Directors agreed was very reasonable.</p> <p>Georgie and Colin have now access to RBS Digital Banking and can view the bank balance online which will make tracking income and expenditure easier.</p>	

<p>3. Annual Accounts 2016-17 Georgie confirmed that the final Annual Accounts for 2016-2017 had been received by OSCR, apparently accepted, as posted on their website.</p>	
<p>4. Footpath Update</p> <p>Donation Boxes</p> <p>One of the donation boxes will be moved to the Achmore entry as more prominent. Colin will also arrange for laminated (waterproof) notices.</p> <p>Path Maintenance & Inspection Schedule</p> <p>Colin had circulated a draft and it agreed as a useful starting point. After discussion, it will be updated to include e.g. wood treatment as required; careful use of herbicide for perennial weeds at path edges; a risk statement on a notice; along with contact phone numbers for users to report any defects or issues.</p> <p>A check on our public liability insurance will be made and rota for conducting monthly inspections will be drawn up.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p> <p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>5. General Data Protection Regulations</p> <p>No further responses received and it was agreed to send a further reminder, and possibly put a poster up at the Hall.</p>	<p><i>Georgie & Lizzie</i></p>
<p>6. Land</p> <p>Damaged Bridge</p> <p>Duncan will bring his digger up to clear the bridge deck and get a clearer idea of what repairs are involved.</p>	<p><i>Martin & Duncan</i></p>
<p>7. Footpath 'Opening'</p> <p>Community Land Scotland confirmed that our event on Saturday 18 August (3pm) will be part of CLS 'Community Land Week' 11-19 August. Colin will continue to liaise with them on programme, posters, press,, etc. Georgie will send CLS an invoice for £300 which they have offered to support our event.</p> <p>Duncan has investigated ducks for racing and will order a flock.</p> <p>With not all members present, it was agreed we should hold a planning meeting to finalise all the plans for the Footpath Opening. This will be Tuesday 24 July, 7.30pm in the Hall.</p>	

<p>8. Trust Membership</p> <p>It was agreed that the on-going question of Trust Membership should be resolved and various ideas floated. Whatever is decided will be put to the AGM for adoption.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>Enquiry on Use of Office. A request has been received for the use for the Office as a base for the new COOL Youth Worker. This was agreed to in principle as an appropriate community use and Colin would meet with the COOL Chairman on site to assess its suitability and go over a number of practicalities. We will also view the office on 24 July and then decide if we are to go ahead.</p> <p>Unpaid Rent. There is still one smallholding rent unpaid, due in April, despite a reminder letter. A further reminder will be issued before considering next steps. Concerns were also raised about the current state of the smallholding (badly overgrown and with much scrap and rubbish), the plans of the present tenant and how any future tenant would face great difficulties bringing it into productive use.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p> <p><i>Georgie</i></p>

Dates of next meeting:

Footpath Opening Planning, 24 July, Achmore Hall, at 7.30 pm
Monthly Meeting, 14 August, at 7.30pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 9.25pm