

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 14th March 2017

Achmore Hall

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

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Minutes of February Meeting** – Approved. Proposed by Roddy and seconded by Georgie.
3. **Finance - update**
 - a) Expenditure :-
 - a. Hall invoice paid
 - b. Planning application fee re Footpath project £206.04
 - c. NFU Insurance – annual policy £554.07
 - b) There are still three allotments rents outstanding.
 - c) FCT Audited accounts have been sent to OSCR.
 - d) Regarding no invoice received from CLS, Georgie chased and they explained they have been slow in sending out their invoices and we will receive it in due course.
 - e) It was agreed that we source quotations for painting the outside of the Office.
4. **SDRP Footpaths - update**
 - a) Following the last meeting Colin received the contract which was dated 24th February. With only 14 days to return, the Footpaths Sub Group (FPSG) of Colin, Dave and Georgie had checked the contract and notified the remaining directors. With all agreeing the contract was signed and returned.
 - b) Colin received a letter on 10th March acknowledging receipt of the returned contract and giving the Trust authority to start work. Colin contacted the SNH to clarify that the work can be done in stages, a schedule of works and that payment can be made on receipt of invoices. This raised the issue that the Trust will need a temporary or bridging loan. The FPSG will discuss and Georgie will contact Voluntary Action in Lochaber for any information.
 - c) As it was unclear on the contract regarding the number of quotations or tenders required for the path work, Colin checked with the Rural Payments office and will phone the SNH to clarify:
 - i) the claims process and
 - ii) the tendering process
 - d) Colin completed the Highland Council planning permission application, including change of land use, which was submitted on the 20th February. The application was acknowledged on the 22nd February but the Portree Planning department required further information. Colin visited their offices to clarify and give more details on various points they had raised which were required for validation of the application. At that meeting the queries were sorted out and Colin received a letter on the 7th March confirming the application had been registered on the 6th March and a request for payment of £110 for the planning application to be advertised. On the 8th March Colin received a letter from SEPA confirming they had no objection to the planning application.
 - e) With the 'official' announcement regarding planning permission it was agreed that we should publicise ourselves the Footpaths project. Wording to be agreed for a press release.

5. Land issues

- a) **Field 6** –Martin Irving has signed the lease. Colin will contact Patti to liaise with Martin on forms for the transfer of the land parcel identifier (LPID) for Scottish Government records, which is not on the Trust's list, but attached to Patti's business.
- b) **Fences** – Colin emailed Crisdean on 10th March re incomplete fencing but has had no response to date.
- c) **Fences** – Colin Parsons had carried out fencing work – with thanks from the Trust – but he suggested barbed wire for the top of the fence which the Trust will acquire.

6. Work Plan 2017

- a) The proposed meeting with allotment holders was suggested for the end of April, beginning of May.
- b) With regard to maintenance of the hay field with rush/docken control and clearing the ditch to improve the drainage, Duncan agreed to have a look at the ditch.

7. AOB

Date of next meeting : 11th April, Achmore Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm