

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 14 October 2017

Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Martin Irving, Duncan Gibson, Dave Mockett and Roddy McPherson

Apologies: Georgie Grimson and Neil MacRae

	Action
<p>1. Minutes of September meeting – Approved. Proposed by Dave, seconded by Duncan.</p>	
<p>2. Finance – update</p> <p>a) Expenses paid £36.35 Hydro bill</p> <p>b) Income was £30 from allotment rents 2017 to 2018</p>	
<p>3. SDRP Footpaths</p> <p>a) Progress to date - Colin reported progress on the path as follows: (As will be appreciated, this has been an almost full time job for Colin).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shelterbelt path almost complete.• An additional double culvert constructed, headwalls to be completed.• Small section washed out at top due to heavy rain – this was reported to the contractors and the ditch will be fixed.• Hayfield path completed.• Adjacent standing water on two parts reported and will be fixed.• Burn section of path to bridge location – the base completed but requires dusting/rolling which will be done after bridge built.• Bridge on order – delivery in approx. 8 weeks.• Riverside section – all overhanging branches/trees removed, some can be used for firewood and the rest as brash• Text for finger posts created and checked.• The path contractors not on site this week as anticipated in the schedule of works but they will restart in the next six weeks or so working on the bridge over the Braeintra burn and the path down to Achmore Bridge.• Photos taken for 'management diary'	

<p>b) Publicity - Colin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster created. • News release out on 1st October – sent to Ross-shire Journal, West Highland Free Press, Oban Times, Inverness Courier, Press and Journal, MSP and MP. • Story in Ross-shire Journal on 6th October. • MSP, Kate Forbes, requests visit – probably on opening of path • Round-robin email <p>c) Funding and Finance – Colin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with Robbie Bain, HC, held two weeks go on access to CC funds and Ward Discretionary Fund (WDF) with positive response. • 2nd Oct Robbie Bain introduced project to Ward Councillors with copy of news release for info. • FPSG met to discuss developments and plan the WDF application • Finance paper discussed and agreed. • 4th Oct, WDF application emailed to Robbie Bain and supporting documents posted to him. • 8th Oct, Robbie Bain confirmed receipt. • Receipt of form confirmed by HC together with application reference no. <p>d) George had mentioned at previous meeting that we could add children’s activities when the path completed and she looked at sources of additional funding. The Co-op local funding is now closed for this year but we could look at applying in 2018</p> <p>e) Colin extended the crowd funding page has been extended to 17th November.</p> <p>f) Provided we are successful with all the above, funds will be in place for the project. If not, we would return to the question of personal loans to make good any shortfall.</p>	
<p>4. Land issues</p> <p>Hayfield – has still not yet been cut and it was agreed we need to consider our options for next year as early as possible to resolve the issues we experience every year regarding the Hay field.</p> <p>Damaged bridge – top corner on nursery field. Lizzie has contacted FCS re old fish farm walkways and is awaiting response.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Lizzie</i></p>

<p>5. AOB</p> <p>a) Re Crisdean's re-fenced field with gate which doesn't fit and cows wandering through the fence by the river (which should be resolved when the paths new fence work is in place). Neil was looking at doing a temporary repair but this not yet done but Martin will put up an electric fence.</p> <p>b) Shed painting – as at last meeting, no good weather as yet!</p> <p>d) 'Trees for Life' – this matter is ongoing FCS have a small forest grant scheme for natural woodland but size of area of land for eligibility to apply for grant needs to be checked. Lizzie will speak to Bruce.</p> <p>e) Dave reported that 4 goats had got into the allotments.</p> <p>f) Date for our AGM agreed as 12th December. Notices will be issued in due course.</p>	<p><i>Neil</i></p> <p><i>Martin</i></p> <p><i>Lizzie</i></p> <p><i>Lizzie</i></p>

Date of next meeting: 14th November, Achmore Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm