Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 13 February 2018, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Martin Irving, Neil MacRae, Roddy McPherson, Georgie

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1.Apologies: Lizzie Bird, Duncan Gibson	Action
2.Minutes of 9 January meeting Approved - Proposed by, seconded	
Matters Arising: Majority are agenda items for this meeting. In addition:	
 RPID had confirmed Martin's election as a Director and 'Business Member', and removed A Bone and D Mockett. Two strainer posts have been inserted in the allotment road fence. Colin had received useful information from Ruth on path inspection, maintenance and visitor safety risk assessment. This will help us develop our own plan. 	Colin/Georgie
3. Finance Update Georgie reported that the Business Instant Access Account with RBS had been closed as agreed and in future the Trust would operate with a single Current Account (cheque book), which would be more manageable.	Georgie
The 2016-17 accounts are now with Voluntary Action Lochaber (VAL) for auditing. More paperwork had been requested to comply with money-laundering regulations.	
A busy month, with funds moving in and out of the account due to the footpath work. At end of January: Income: £32842.75 Expend.: £11600.00 Balance: £ 28543.89	
Income from: Transfer monies from closed account: £2304.75 Scottish Gov Grant (Claim 1): £15158.00 Bridging Loan Drawdown 2 (SIS) £13200.00 Personal Loan: £2000.00 Storage and Container rents.	
Expenditure: Loan Arrangement Fee: £870.00 Highland Conservation (Path bridge) £10860.00 Community Land Scotland 2018 Sub: £50.00	

4	SRDP Footpaths	
Since	the last meeting on 9 January:	
•	Stock fencing completed 24 January	
•	Dusting/rolling path 25 Jan – 1 Feb. Path construction completed	
•	2 Feb, all gates in place, post and rail fencing (x2) at field culverts and gate entrances. Site visit by Andrew Coleman to review work and plan remaining work	
•	6 Feb, benches installed	
•	Week of 12 Feb – signage to be installed (fingerposts, waymarkers, info boards). Gateposts to be trimmed and catches fixed, top fence made good. Tidying up etc.	
drawo paym	Claim will be lodged with RPID week of 19 Feb, repayment of SIS down 2 and request drawdown 3 by end on Feb. Then part ent to Highland Conservation (invoice received), and remainder ceipt of Claim 2 (due early March).	Colin/Georgie
5.	Woodland Trust Trees	
	The Trust's application for saplings from the Woodland Trust's 'trees for communities' scheme' has been successful. 420 mixed native broadleaves will be delivered 9-16 March. Discussion followed on a planting event(s) and locations where planting will be done.	
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	This will be finalised at our next meeting.	
6.	Request from Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust KLCT is developing a new locality website and have asked for information from us to include on the site. After discussion about the mandate of KLCT beyond the Kyle CC area, but it was agreed to supply what was asked for, which would be especially useful in publicising the new footpaths.	Colin
7.	Land Damaged Bridge	
	Lizzie has obtained permission from FCS to use a redundant fish farm walkway. This will be looked at for length etc. and a plan devised to install it. Field 10	Martin/Neil/Roddy
	A notice to advertise tenancy of Field 10 will be put up on the Noticeboard, and the website asking for interest by 9 March. We will look at any applications at our next meeting. Query on Tenancy	Colin
	A query on what constituted sub-letting had been received and was discussed. It was agreed that the example given was not a sub-let, but the tenant should now ask the Trust for permission in writing to graze stock which is not his own.	Colin

8.	AOCB		
	•	A request had been received from M Waddell to put a 30x10 foot polytunnel on is allotment, and this was approved.	Colin
	•	Invoices for annual holdings' rent would go out next month. It was agreed to remind tenants of the need to maintain their holding in a tidy condition and to remove and scrap and rubbish. Tenants would be informed that in March 2019 current leases expire and new leases will be issued.	Georgie
	•	Interesting information from Roddy on Archimedean Screw Turbine micro-hydro schemes would be circulated, as a possible future project.	Colin

Date of next meeting:13 March, Achmore Hall, at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm