Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 8th May 2018, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson, Duncan Gibson and Lizzie

Bird

Apologies Neil MacRae

	Action
Minutes of 10 th April 2018 meeting Approved - Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Lizzie	
Matters Arising: Majority are agenda items for this meeting. In addition:	
2. Finance Update: April	
Income	
£ 382.40 Small holding payment £ 60.00 Office rent £ 27.69 Wayleave £ .04 Adjustment £ 470.13	
Expenditure	
$\underline{\pounds}$ 250.27 Interest on SIS Loan Balance $\underline{\pounds}$ 219.86	
Bank balance 10 April £ 2,785.95	
Bank Balance 8 May £ 3,005.81	
Final RPID claim submitted 20 February. Colin contacted Inverness office who confirmed claim was being processed. Colin received letter from Edinburgh saying claim being paid and £42,648 received by our bank on Monday. The SIS Loan £43,500 was then paid via Chaps.	
George will do a set of accounts regarding the Path project and is awaiting final statement from SIS.	Georgie
Georgie spoke to Lochaber Voluntary Action Community Accounts Service re our accounts and they confirmed accounts were still with them and taking longer than usual but it was noted that they need signing off by the end of May	Georgie

4. Footpath - General

Tree Planting – Woodland Trust Trees.

10 adults and 2 children helped on Saturday 14th April planting around 300 of the trees to the east side of the Hayfield. Colin had set out canes to assist with the planting. The remainder of the trees were also planted.

Donation Boxes

With regard to Donation boxes at entrances which were agreed as a priority at our March meeting, Colin had looked at possibilities on the web, which were a bit expensive, but had found one that would be suitable. It was agreed that the Trust purchase two boxes and there was a discussion about their best location for security. The general consensus was that one be placed midway along the path and the other towards the Braeintra end.

Colin

Dog signs

Georgie had brought 'Dog signs' requesting that walkers take their dog excrement home but she will contact the Council re provision of dog bins for bag disposal. If they can provide these Georgie will adjust the signs accordingly.

Georgie

Path Maintenance & Inspection Schedule

Colin will set up a Path Maintenance & Inspection schedule ready for our June meeting. With the improvement in weather it is already clear that trimming verges is already a priority

Colin

Excess bags of path top dressing

There are two bags of excess top dressing for the paths which the Trust will need to store for any future maintenance work. Duncan agreed to move these for storage at the Fank

Duncan

5. General Data Protection Regulations

Lizzie had sent out on FT gen email list Georgie's first letter regarding data protection. Georgie and Colin will compose second letter and forward to Lizzie to send out. Lizzie had provided copy of email list to Georgie to check for amendment or additions.

Georgie & Colin

Lizzie

6.	Land	
	Damaged Bridge Martin has managed to source some large pipes. Some additional ground work will be required to put and secure in place. Martin and Duncan will liaise on best options	Martin & Duncan
7.	Footpath 'Opening'	
	This will be a priority agenda item at our June meeting	
8.	AOB	
	Georgie raised the question regarding the Trust's charitable status. The original reason when the Trust was set as a charity and company limited by guarantee was thought to be because of tax and funding considerations. With the amount of 'red tape' we are experiencing as a very small non-profit making charity the question is does the Trust need to remain one. It was agreed that this will be looked at and Georgie will seek professional advice.	Georgie

Date of next meeting: 12 June, Achmore Hall, at 7.30 pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 9.00pm