

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 12th March 2019, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson, Duncan Gibson
Roddy MacPherson and Connor Fraser

Apologies Neil McRae

<p>1. Minutes of 12th Feb 2019 meeting</p> <p>Minutes of 12th Feb meeting – proposed by Georgie and seconded by Martin unanimously approved.</p>							
<p>2. An item under AOB brought forward</p> <p>Connor Fraser attended the meeting. He is looking for a plot on FCT land for 12 chickens and has the funds to secure a site with fencing etc. Connor has been liaising with Martin regarding chicken management and on-going support once the plot is up and running.</p> <p>The meeting unanimously agreed to Connor's proposal and Connor, with the Trust's help, will select a suitable plot for his enterprise.</p>	<p>All</p>						
<p>3. Finance Update: Feb 2019</p> <table data-bbox="304 1323 1074 1420"><tr><td>Income</td><td>£ 145.00</td><td>(Rent)</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure</td><td>£ 50.00</td><td>(Community Land Scotland membership)</td></tr></table> <p>Balance £2,496.76</p> <p>a) Georgie reported that, with the Trust's approval, that MacDowells, Dingwall, will be auditing our accounts for 2017/2018. Approval given and their fee will be £400. George had taken in the paperwork three weeks ago and a Trustee's report is being prepared for the accounts to be completed. These will then be submitted to OSCR by the time of the next meeting.</p> <p>b) As mentioned at our last meeting the Trust unanimously agreed to consider changing our accounting system to meet SCIO requirements.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that this looks a good option to simplify our current our accounting procedures but there are a number of practical steps that would need</p>	Income	£ 145.00	(Rent)	Expenditure	£ 50.00	(Community Land Scotland membership)	<p>Georgie</p>
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<p>to be enacted. Georgie and Colin agreed to produce a flowchart/job list of the processes the Trust would need to undertake for our April meeting..</p> <p>c) Regarding leases, Georgie will issue invoices to tenants.</p> <p>- d) Lizzie reported that the NFU Insurance of £470 was due and the policy renewed.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Georgie/Colin</p> <p>Georgie</p>
<p>4. Leases and Rent Review</p> <p>All leases issued, one tenant accepting a 1 year agricultural lease, with most signed and returned.</p>	
<p>6. AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence received from Community Land Scotland regarding a week's event in August. • Lizzie had received felling plans from Bruce FCS in the area including work in Strome Woods. She will circulate information and also contact Bruce for him to attend one of our meetings. • Martin had been talking to Colin Parsons about the Trust looking at planting a wildlife meadow and perhaps digging a pond. Meeting thought this a good idea and Martin will follow up. 	<p>Lizzie</p> <p>Martin</p>

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Dates of next meeting:

9th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.39pm