

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 6th July, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Duncan Gibson, Roddy MacPherson (after Agenda item 3), Martin Irving, Neil MacRae and Lizzie Bird

Apologies: Georgie Grimson

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<p>1. Welcome & Apologies Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Georgie for personal reasons.</p>																						
<p>2. There was an informal meeting held in June with some of the Trust members.</p>																						
<p>2. Tenancy Field 3 The tenancy was advertised, and only interest expressed was by Roddy McPherson. The Board discussed his application and there were no objections.</p> <p>Roddy then attended the meeting and he and Colin will sort out the Land Management form. Roddy said that he would improve the field's stockproof fencing as well as the soil quality. Colin pointed out that as one of the fences is 'external' this would make the Trust liable to half replacement/update costs. Roddy will liaise with Colin regarding costing.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p> <p><i>Roddy</i></p>																					
<p>3. Finance Update: 6th July 2021 Georgie had provided the following information</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Income</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">£ 145.00</td> <td>(Office rent)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£ 161.00</td> <td>(Small Holdings)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">£ 306.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">Expenditure</td> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">£ 72.75</td> <td>(Electricity)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£ 280.00</td> <td>(Nevis Accountancy - Audit)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">£ 352.75</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">Balance</td> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">£5,695.58</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Income	£ 145.00	(Office rent)		£ 161.00	(Small Holdings)		£ 306.00		Expenditure	£ 72.75	(Electricity)		£ 280.00	(Nevis Accountancy - Audit)		£ 352.75		Balance	£5,695.58		
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<p>4. Office Update</p> <p>a) During the Covid lockdown Colin had received communication from FLS expressing an interest in purchasing the office and office land. FLS have been updating their office and store across the road having closed the Balmacara office.</p>																						

<p>FLS will arrange a valuation and make an offer for the Trust to consider.</p> <p>b) Repainting – Unfortunately weather, Covid Lockdown and being unable to find someone to take on the job have caused delay. Martin has chased people to carry out the work but all were busy.</p> <p>This will be put on hold for the time being dependent on item a) above.</p>	FLS
<p>5. Footpaths</p> <p>a) Thanks were given to Duncan for cutting grass on the footpath</p> <p>b) It had been reported that there was dog excrement on the path. The Trust are reliant on signs and dog owners taking responsibility for their dogs by clearing their mess. The Trust provides dog bags on the path but a request via Lizzie was posted on the Stromeferry and Achmore group email asking people to clear after their dogs and respect other users of the path.</p> <p>c) The Trust received feedback that during the period of Lockdown residents felt that use of the path was very beneficial for fitness and wellbeing.</p> <p>d) It was noted that some bramble clearance will be required at some point for the Braintra end of the path.</p>	
<p>6) Allotments</p> <p>Over the past 12 months four allotments have been taken up.</p>	
<p>7) Annual Land Inspection</p> <p>We need to make arrangement to carry out the annual land inspection.</p>	All
<p>8) Any Other Business</p> <p>a) A letter had been received from the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust with a very general enquiry about land availability for sale. When first formed the Fernaig Trust had previous dealing with the HSCH when some land was sold linked in with the Highland Council's Local Plan however there are no plans to sell Trust land at the current time..</p>	

<p>b) FLS update. Lizzie reported that all logs have now been removed from Strome Woods but brash clearing and putting in the gate in the car park need to be carried out. Lizzie will contact FLS.</p> <p>c) Website – Lizzie confirmed that she has quite happily handed over management of the Website to Mary MacBeth who will be the main administrator. However, Lizzie will be the Fernaig Trust’s pages administrator.</p>	<p><i>Lizzie</i></p>
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Date of next meeting:

10th August 2021 at 7.30pm Achmore Hall

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.55 pm