## Fernaig Community Trust

## Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Achmore Hall

**Present:** Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Duncan Gibson and Roddy MacPherson

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1.	Corre Frase Colin Minu	ection – to 2. 'A er had spoken Parsons). tes proposed imously appro						
2.	Fina	nce Update: I						
	Incor	ne	£	837.00	(Office Rent, Small Holdings and from Footpath boxes)			
	Expe	nditure	£	300.00	(Grass cutter)			
	Balance		£2	2,658.60				
	a)	Georgie repo		l that all sr	mall holdings have been paid			
	b)	email acknown procedure for can no longer on line, so G	Georgie had sent the accounts to OSCR and received mail acknowledgement of receipt. Companies House rocedure for submission of accounts has changed as we an no longer send abbreviated version of our accounts in line, so Georgie will liaise with Lizzie for signature on all accounts and post to Companies House.					
	c) Converting a Charitable Company to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Colin had carried out further investigation into the above and the legal fees that would be incurred by the Trust. It was felt that this needed full board discussion so this item will be discussed at our next meeting.							
3.	Land	I & Footpaths	s – M	laintenand	ce			
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	ii) Bridge culvert – the bridge has holes due to being undermined/undercut by water pressure which means the bank needs reinforcing. Large stones or gabions are required and Duncan agreed to seek prices for delivered stone as well as gabion baskets.	Duncan
	iii) Maintenance of the path requires consideration regarding weed control being included in the rota. This will be discussed at the next meeting.	
	iv) Colin reported finding Skunk Cabbage on the edge of the path. This is a non-native invasive species and No. 5 on the list. Colin contacted the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (SISI) for advice on eradication. Digging up and destroying was their advice but also to check if any more appear and where it originally came from. Colin discovered that many years ago it was a plant sold by nurseries so was from a local garden. Colin will put up notices to help identify if any other plants are around.	Colin
	v) Planting wild flowers- This requires further investigation for suitable areas.	
	vi) Allotments – it was discussed that smaller plots need to be made which may attract people more than the larger ones. It was also agreed that when this and necessary ground work has been done, we advertise to cover a larger area than Achmore & Stromeferry.	
6.	AOB	
	1) <b>Community Land Week</b> – Planning events in August. It was agreed to partake by having an Open Day on 17 <sup>th</sup> August. The plan would include a duck race and BBQ. Colin will register us with CLS for this event.	Colin
	FCS - Lizzie had contacted FCS about Bruce attending a meeting. Awaiting a response	

## Dates of next meeting:

## 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.25pm