

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 12th July 2022, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Georgie Grimson, Roddy MacPherson, Neil MacRae, Lizzie Bird and Duncan Gibson

Apologies: Martin Irving

	<i>Action</i>
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies noted.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 14th June 2022</p> <p>Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Duncan and unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Finance</p> <p>Georgie reported on monthly finances for June</p> <p>Income - £145 - Office rents</p> <p>Expenditure - £357 - £280 Auditor fee, £77 weed killer</p> <p>Balance - £7,604.79</p>	<i>Georgie</i>
<p>4. Next Steps with Office etc</p> <p>Colin has written to Anderson MacArthur the Trust's solicitors requesting they act for the Trust over the sale. A letter had been received from Ruairidh MacLennan (FLS) who has arranged to meet up with Colin and any other directors on Thursday 14th June.</p> <p>FLS will ask their mapping team to prepare a sales plan, instruct their solicitors who will contact our solicitors to agree fees and record of title which, after examination, will allow a formal offer and disposition to be drafted This will probably take a few months.</p> <p>Neil informed the meeting that the CC had asked whether the Trust had had a follow up meeting to the open meeting in March.</p>	<i>Colin</i>
<p>5. Trust Membership</p> <p>It was agreed that we need an updated list of Strome & Achmore residents together with applicable categories such a allotment holders, small holders, life members. Colin/Georgie will liaise with Lizzie who will set up a spreadsheet</p>	<i>Colin</i> <i>Georgie</i> <i>Lizzie</i>

<p>6. Fank discussion</p> <p>Colin has located the agreement between J.L.M Denham and the Fernaig Community Trust which clarifies the Trust's position that the site be used for the general use of the Trust and their tenants.</p>	
<p>7. Footpaths</p> <p>Following the proposal at the last meeting to arrange a work party it was agreed that we would need one day for weed control and one day for path work. The day for path work was agreed as Sunday the 31st July and Colin will arrange a notice for the hall board to seek volunteers to help. The date for weed control will be arranged by Duncan according to local weather forecasts but due notice will be posted as the path will need to be closed and bee keepers notified.</p> <p>One part of the path at the Braeintra end has tree roots exposed due to water erosion. Suggestions were made to resolve by having a boardwalk/decking placed over the area covering 1.5m wide to 10m length. Roddy agreed to investigate suitable decking.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting a kissing gate allowing access to the burn's bank was progressed with the Board agreeing to investigate suitable gates, costs and delivery. Roddy again agreed to investigate</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Roddy</i></p> <p><i>Roddy</i></p>
<p>8. Allotments rent review</p> <p>Georgie reported that we have not increased the allotment rents since 2001 and after discussion it was agreed that the rents should be increased after such a time gap as plots are currently either £10 or £20 per annum dependent on size of plot. It was agreed to raise the rents to £20 or £40 per annum.</p> <p>Georgie will contact allotment holders by email/phone to advise the increase which would come into effect in September.</p>	<p><i>Georgie</i></p>
<p>9. Any other business</p> <p>Now that Lizzie is a bit more mobile she will contact Forestry re work that needs doing in Strome woods. One path blocked by big tree and tidying access to tracks leading off the main track.</p>	<p><i>Lizzie</i></p>

Date of next meeting:

9th August 2022 7.30pm, Achmore Hall