

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 8th March 2022, Achmore Hall

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

Colin Parsons in attendance

Apologies: None

Action

<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 8th February 2022</p> <p>Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Neil and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Lizzie had also circulated draft notes of last week's Open Meeting and asked for amendments/feedback</p>	
<p>3. Finance</p> <p>Georgie reported on finances for February</p> <p>Income £145 office rents. Expenses £30 CWA membership Balance £6963.86</p> <p>Georgie also reported that she had sent the accounts to the Auditors who have just started doing them.</p> <p>Georgie will be sending out invoices for the small holdings</p>	
<p>4. Tenancy for Fields 7 & 9</p> <p>The Trust had received three applications, one for Field 7 and two for Field 9.</p> <p>As two of the applicants, Martin and Duncan left the meeting and Colin Parsons, as an observer, also left.</p> <p>The applications were discussed and, as the only applicant for Field 7, Martin was approved and of the two applicants for Field 9, Duncan was approved based on his proposal to carry out extensive work prior to putting animals in the field.</p> <p>Colin will liaise with Martin and Duncan to issue leases to run from the 1st April</p> <p>Martin, Duncan and Colin returned to the meeting</p>	<p>Colin</p>

<p>5. Other land issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Roddy reported that the burn on his field was cutting into its bank and causing erosion under the fence. Roddy proposed to lift boulders off his field to shore up the bank. All agreed ii) Colin MacAndrew reported that erosion of the burn's bank by the footpath bridge appears to have slowed down but it was agreed to maintain a watching brief in case future stabilisation work will be required. iii) Re the constant standing water in Martin's field, SW had visited the site but Martin has heard nothing further. iv) Still need trying to source someone to carry out fencing work by Field 9. 	
<p>6. Footpath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A couple of trees had come down and although not across the path, have been cleared. ii) A culvert under the path has become blocked and needs clearing. iii) With hopefully improving weather, path weed clearance needs to be carried out. iv) Water erosion on the footpath due to water runoff from the road at the Braeintra end has been resolved as the track from the road had been redone. 	
<p>7. FLS Office Update</p> <p>Following the FLS formal offer which was agreed in principle by most at the meeting in February but as communicated to FLS, the Trust held a meeting on 3rd March in Achmore Hall at 7.30pm with interested members of the community to discuss options. As agreed, Colin had sent/posted a notice for the open meeting and had also contacted the current renters in the office prior to that meeting</p> <p>Lizzie had done draft notes which she had circulated to the Board. Needs any feedback before posting out.</p> <p>Since the meeting, where opposing views were expressed, Jim Coomber emailed the Trust on the 3rd March with his feedback and ideas, which was appreciated. These will be discussed at our next meeting. Jim's suggested reviewing the Hydro scheme if the office is sold and there was a discussion about the different types of schemes now available. However, this needs a far more detailed review.</p> <p>The question of membership had also arisen and after some discussion it was agreed that this needs to be reviewed at our next meeting and, if it implicates on our Mem and Arts, then any alteration would require an EGM.</p> <p>It was also generally felt that that with various opinions we really need to look at minimum/maximum timescales on a decision to</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p>

move this matter on and it was suggested that we seek another valuation on the site and see if a Housing Association may be interested.	
7. AOB Although posting the notices a week prior to the Open Meeting, Roddy felt we need a central communication point for the future. This was agreed to be discussed at our next meeting.	

Date of next meeting:

12th April 2022 7.30pm, Achmore Hall

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 9.30 pm