

## Fernaig Community Trust

### Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Achmore Hall

**Present:** Colin McAndrew, Georgie Grimson, Martin Irving, Roddy MacPherson, and Duncan Gibson

**Apologies:** Lizzie Bird

#### *Action*

<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies noted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b></p> <p>Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Roddie and unanimously agreed.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The latest Community Council minutes had contained a summary of Trust activities, including sale of the Office. No responses had been received.</p>	
<p><b>3. Finance</b></p> <p>Georgie reported on monthly finances for May.</p> <p><b>May</b></p> <p>Income - £245 Office rents, £50 Donation, £261.20, Field rents. Total £556.20 Expenditure - Nil Balance - £7816.79</p> <p>It was agreed in future to reimburse petrol to those undertaking e.g. grass cutting.</p>	<p><b>Georgie</b></p>
<p><b>4. Next Steps with Office etc</b></p> <p>Colin would now contact Ruairidh MacLennan, FLS accepting the sale offer and seeking advice on next steps. He would also write to Anderson MacArthur to appraise them of the situation and requesting they act for the Trust over the sale. In the meantime, we would investigate a couple of storage containers (cost, source, where to locate etc) to relocate tenants.</p> <p><b>5. Trust Membership</b></p> <p>No comments have been received on the Trust's proposals and no action required before the AGM.</p>	<p><b>Colin</b></p>

<p><b>6. Land issues</b></p> <p>The walkabout on Sunday 5 June was agreed as useful, though limited in what was achieved. In field 1 there appears to be a good location for a small scale wind turbine which will be further investigated. The erosion/changed course of the river was also looked at and Roddie's proposed solution.</p> <p>We will try to find out more about the water pipes running through field 2. We will try to find out historical facts about the burial mound in field 3 in case there are implications for the field.</p> <p>Roddy offered to deal with the dockens at the path entrance.</p> <p>Another walk would take place on Sunday, with a view to covering all of the remaining Trust ground. The existing 'Fank Agreement' will also be checked.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><b>6. Footpaths</b></p> <p>Final plans for weed treatment were discussed and agreed. Martin has sourced suitable herbicide and Duncan will construct a 1m wide 'sledge' to contain spread behind quad bike / tank. The path will be advertised as closed for a day and bee owners advised. <b>Date to be fixed at next meeting.</b></p> <p>A workparty afternoon would also be useful to deal with brambles, unwanted tree seedlings etc. <b>To be organised and date fixed at the next meeting.</b></p> <p>The idea of a kissing gate for access to the riverbank was revived. Precise location can be agreed.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Martin / Duncan</i></p>
<p><b>7. Allotments</b></p> <p>Georgie had previously introduced the subject of a rent review, which had not taken place since the allotments were formed despite a 3-year clause in leases. It was also agreed to involve the plot holders in the process, perhaps by holding a meeting when any other allotment issues can be raised. These should be done before annual rents due from September.</p>	<p><i>Georgie/Colin</i></p>
<p><b>7. AOB</b></p> <p>Colin will amend the Grid Reference location ID record of Field 7 to align with Rural Payments number. It was agreed because of COVID concerns not to hold an Open Day again this year but hopefully next year. Colin thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15.</p>	

**Date of next meeting:**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7.30pm, Achmore Hall**