

## Fernaig Community Trust

### Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Achmore Hall

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

#### *Action*

<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Colin McAndrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b></p> <p>Proposed by Roddy, seconded by Neil and agreed.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising and any correspondence</b></p> <p>a) Georgie had received notification from SSE regarding installation of a smart meter in the Old Forestry Office despite informing them we wish to disconnect the electricity supply. George then received a phone call from SSE regarding the requested disconnection and Georgie confirmed this will be on February 23rd.</p> <p>b) Georgie received a letter from NFU with regard to renewing our policy, due on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Lizzie will contact to confirm that correspondence should be sent to her, as it has been in the past, rather than Georgie. She will also ask them, yet again, to remove reference to the Rural Development officer, which still appears in the schedule.</p> <p>c) Colin McA and Georgie had received an email request to buy some of the FCT land. Colin had replied that this could not happen as the Trust land is held for the benefit of the community and he received a reply that this was understood.</p> <p>d) An email had been received from CLS with an invitation to their conference to be held at Sabhal Mor Ostaig on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Colin P said he would be interested in attending and this was agreed so he will complete registration. Other members of the Board could not, as yet, commit to attending.</p> <p>e) Geoff Harrington had contacted the Trust to confirm he will be removing the shelves he put up in the small office of the Old Forestry building.</p>	<p><i>Lizzie</i></p> <p><i>Colin P</i></p>

<p>f) Email from S&amp;A CC regarding Duncraig Right of Way. See under AOB.</p>										
<p><b>4. Finance</b></p> <p>Georgie reported on the finances as follows</p> <p><b>January</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£175,00</td> <td>(Office rents including one that was outstanding)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£172.96</td> <td>(Electricity bill for Old Office)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£8,569.02</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Georgie confirmed that Trust accounts had been sent to our auditors.</p>	Income	£175,00	(Office rents including one that was outstanding)	Expenditure	£172.96	(Electricity bill for Old Office)	Balance	£8,569.02		
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<p><b>5. Membership and GDPR Update</b></p> <p>Colin P reported that he has received 80 forms so far but there are still other forms to come back.</p> <p>It was noted that Georgie should hold a copy of the Membership list as she is the Trust's designated Data Protection Officer (DPO). However, it was agreed that as Membership Secretary, Colin P should now be the DP Officer and this was agreed.</p> <p>The DP info still needs to be posted on the FCT section of the S&amp;A web site. Colin P will do and circulate and Lizzie will post to the website.</p> <p>Colin P said he had spoken to people whilst collecting membership forms and feedback had been generally positive and enthusiastic about the Trust. Positive feedback included that the footpath was popular, there was enthusiasm about biodiversity and the pond idea mentioned. Negative feedback was that there was a lack of communication/information from the Board and dissatisfaction from several people about the way the office sale had been handled. Colin P suggested that regarding communication that emails and short articles in the Community News would help and he would be happy to draft text for the next issue, which was agreed.</p>	<p><b>Colin P</b></p> <p><b>Colin P</b></p> <p><b>Lizzie</b></p>									
<p><b>6. Office Update and next steps</b></p> <p>Colin McA reported that FLS have not had a reply from our solicitors, who have had the draft order on the sale since September. The Board expressed concern about the delay caused by the inactivity of our Solicitors in not responding or acknowledging communications from Colin McA. Colin will phone again but if there is no response then we will have to write to them assuming they are unable to act on our behalf.</p>	<p><b>Colin McA</b></p>									



**9. AOB**

An email had been received from the CC regarding a request for evidence of a Public Right of Way – Duncraig Square to Duncraig Pier. The email referred to a communication received from Mark Crowe the HC Access Officer, in which it referred to ‘a potential dispute over a public right of way claimed by the FCT in January 2003’.

The current FCT Board have no knowledge of such a claim but Colin P reported that whilst working for the Trust at that time as the Development Officer he had involved himself in establishing Rights of Way locally and had been approached regarding Duncraig. He said he had informed the Plockton CC as this would be under their remit and that Colin had registered the path with Scotways.

Colin McA said, and all agreed, that this was nothing to do with FCT and asked Colin P to see if he could find any paperwork referring to this at the time to come back to the Board. Lizzie said that we would need to respond to Mark Crowe.

***Colin P***

**Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.30pm Achmore Hall**

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm