

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 11th April 2023, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Roddy MacPherson, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson and Colin Parsons

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| <p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Colin McAndrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Duncan and Neil</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2. Minutes of Meeting 11th March 2023</p> <p>Lizzie had received email amendments from Colin P. These were discussed and two items noted for amendment.</p> <p>a) Re previous meeting minutes change 'agreed' to 'with one abstention by Colin P'.</p> <p>b) Under AOB add 'Lizzie mentioned she had spoken to Becky from FLS who said she would supply information on one standing sale in the Glen'</p> <p>The draft minutes with corrections were proposed by Roddy, seconded by Colin McA and agreed.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>3. Matters arising and any correspondence</p> <p>Covered under later items.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>4. Finance</p> <p>Georgie had emailed the Feb 2023 accounts following the March meeting.</p> <p>February</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Income</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">£191.99</td> <td style="width: 65%;">(£55 office rents, Martin storage £120, NFU credit £16.99)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£510.96</td> <td>One office rent outstanding (NFU insurance)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,250.05</td> <td>One office rent outstanding</td> </tr> </table> <p>March</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Income</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">£377.69</td> <td style="width: 65%;">(£15 Office rent, £362.69 rent small holdings)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 59.06</td> <td>(£30 CWA sub, £29.06 SEE)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,568.68</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Georgie reported that she had received the 1st draft of our accounts from the auditors. She had corrected, returned and received the 2nd draft and is waiting to hear back regarding a small amendment.</p> | Income | £191.99 | (£55 office rents, Martin storage £120, NFU credit £16.99) | Expenditure | £510.96 | One office rent outstanding (NFU insurance) | Balance | £8,250.05 | One office rent outstanding | Income | £377.69 | (£15 Office rent, £362.69 rent small holdings) | Expenditure | £ 59.06 | (£30 CWA sub, £29.06 SEE) | Balance | £8,568.68 | | |
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| <p>5. Membership</p> <p>Colin P reported that there were now around 110 members with a possible 12 to 15 more to come.</p> | |
| <p>6. Office Update and next steps</p> <p>Colin McA reported that he had spoken to Ruairidh MacLennan (FLS) to bring him up to date with correspondence between the Trust and our solicitors. Ruairidh confirmed that he had been in contact with FLS solicitors, and they are now in contact with ours. There had been a query regarding the septic tank but the surveyor had confirmed the licence was in the name of FLS. Ruairidh had sent PDF files to Colin McA and he had forwarded to our solicitors.</p> <p>Lizzie confirmed that Duncan is looking at the lock for the filing cabinet. Lizzie has emptied the cabinet and taken the files home for the time being until the cabinet can be taken to the hall.</p> <p>The cabinet, large table and chairs now need to be removed and it was agreed, when most directors are available, to meet tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock as Roddy can provide his large trailer.</p> <p>Geoff Harrington still needs to remove his shelving.</p> <p>Lizzie mentioned there are three large display boards in the office but unsure of their state and whether viable to store. They will be looked at tomorrow evening.</p> | <p><i>Duncan</i></p> |
| <p>7. Land Issues</p> <p>a) Colin McA had contacted the company who supplied the wooden bridge regarding the possibility of an inspection certificate. They had replied by email, which Colin McA had circulated to the Board, saying no certificate was required but giving full and helpful details of any maintenance that may be required. Colin McA said this would be included in our general land maintenance plan.</p> <p>b) Georgie reported that she had been contacted by a local resident regarding trees in the burn. Colin P agreed to look at.</p> <p>c) Georgie also reported that the gate to Martin's field needs to be replaced. Roddy said he would look at.</p> <p>d) Georgie asked about the kissing gate and Roddy suggested that it be taken down to the site from the Fank, where it is currently stored, so we can see what is needed to support its installation. It was agreed that the Trust pay someone to install the gate and Lizzie said she would try to get a local quote for the job.</p> <p>c) As Duncan was not at the meeting the matter of getting a refreshed quote from Kyleakin quarry for proposed works to the allotments entrance is ongoing.</p> | <p><i>Colin P</i></p> <p><i>Roddy</i></p> <p><i>Lizzie</i></p> <p><i>Duncan</i></p> |

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| <p>7. Priorities and Workplan for 2023</p> <p>The March minutes noted that Colin McA had drawn up a draft plan and we would discuss at this meeting but it was agreed to carry this forward to our next meeting when we can discuss time lines in more detail.</p> | |
| <p>8. AOB</p> <p>a) Lizzie mentioned that with the sale of the Old Office and the funds the Trust receive that we will obviously have an open meeting with members to discuss how best to use the funds. However, she also said it would be a good idea for Directors to put forward their ideas and these, together with feedback already received from Colin P, could form a questionnaire to be sent out prior to the open meeting to all our members. It would give the Trust a firmer base to work from rather than hearsay.</p> <p>b) Colin P mentioned local footpaths and part of that discussion was the recent survey by the CC regarding a path from Achmore to Strome. It was felt that this is a CC remit rather than a Trust one, but Colin McA had sent the CC details of how the Trust had had to deal with planning and inception of the path on Trust land.</p> <p>c) Becky Milne (FLS) has agreed to send a felling map to the Trust.</p> | |

Date of next meeting: 9th May 2023, 7.30pm Achmore Hall

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm