# **Fernaig Community Trust**

# Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Georgie Grimson, Lizzie Bird, Kate Biss, Roddy

MacPherson and Chris Cartwright

Apologies:

Action

1.	Welcome	
	Colin McAndrew welcomed all to the meeting	
2.	Minutes of Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
	The minutes were unanimously approved, proposed by Georgie and seconded by Roddy.	
3.	Matters arising	
	Covered later in this meeting	
4	Correspondence May/June 2025	
1.	Email renewal membership of Communities Housing Trust	
2.	Email to Loughlins and allotment lease issued	
3.	Invoice passed from Roddy re soil sampling	
4.	CWA Monthly newsletter	
5.	OSCR letter re Trustees	
6.	Emails re details and costs on hayfield seeds	
	Email to members on water supply to allotments	
	CLS Newsletter	
9.	Letter from Scottish Government re selection for Agricultural 2025	
40	census and Colin completed and returned.	
10.	Email Rachel Finch re renting field for horse, Colin replied not available at the moment	
11	Note from Becky (FLS) re felling at Ardnarff	
	Email response to Claudia Weegan	
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#### 5. Finance

Georgie presented the May accounts.

#### **Business Current Account Feb/March**

Income £ 575,00 (2 small holding payments) Expenditure £ 107.54 (£40 CWA, £67.50 soil sampling

Balance £ 9,392.32

## 35 Day Liquidity Account April/May

£61,106.27

£ 124.05 Interest

£61,230.32 Balance

George had phoned OSCR re accounts and they are sending her an email to explain situation.

#### 6. Land Issues

#### a) Hayfield - Update

The Hayfield is looking 100% better with no dockens and ready for the next stage of improvement. Roddy had been liaising on prices of grass/wildflower mixes and, bearing in mind costs of seed mixes and hay productivity without losing wild flowers, that we plant a Carrick mix, which includes wild flowers, but that we plant a wild flower border of around 5m around the hayfield but allowing a gap at the entrance to the hayfield for entry/exit. It was agreed that this would supplement Kate's edible hedge idea and not be mown when the hayfield is.

The plan was agreed and Roddy will order the seed and we can then organise the work needed.

#### b) Water supply for allotments

This has been completed with huge thanks to Roddy, Martin and Duncan

#### c) Allotment lease

The vacant allotment is the size of four allotments. Colin met up with Olivia & /Declan Loughlin and they agreed to a quarter plot initially but, if they decide, they could take on another quarter at a later time.

We now have only three vacant plots and Chris suggested emailing notice of the vacancies. As done in the past with no response, it was decided to leave for the moment.

### d) Overhanging tree by Waddell's Allotment

Roddy had looked at and as it is wedged firmly, is stuck and well hung, it is unlikely to fall. It was agreed to leave at the present but monitor on a regular basis.

#### 8.40 Duncan Gibson came into the meeting

**e) Allotment Road and Entrance** – Duncan is now ready to go and work up to the gate entrance and fill the worst of the potholes on the road. He was asked if needed help but he was happy to deal with.

There was a discussion to perhaps get the allotment holders to help to support the Trust when doing any allotment work (such as the water supply work, entrance to the allotments). Ideas along the same lines were proposed in the past but without much effect and it was agreed that call outs for any work help go to all members.

#### 7. Membership/Website updates

Chris has taken on responsibility of Membership and the Google group. He asked about how we update the list and know when people leave or move into the area. Colin has let Chris know when residents apply for allotment or land leases and other information is by word of mouth. Colin will send the last membership list we received from Colin Parsons. Re the Google Group it was agreed Chris has publishing rights and administrative control the group.

#### 8. AOB

- 1) Open Day. It was agreed that we hold on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August Saturday. Duncan agreed to run the Duck race.
- 2) Re Georgie's concern at the last meeting about water ingress by the bridge and the bank wearing away. Lizzie had done some research re riverbank stabilisation and found information on SEPA website, which she will pass on.
- 3) Lizzie will chase Chris MacDonald re the burn bench and the water gate.

Lizzie

#### Meeting closed at 8.50

Date of next Committee Meeting Wed 9th July 2025, Achmore Hall, 7.30pm