

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 11th March 2026, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Roddy MacPherson, Kate Biss, Martin Irvine, Lizzie Bird, Chris Cartwright and Georgie Grimson

Apologies: Neil MacRae

Action

1. Welcome Colin McAndrew welcomed all.	
2. Minutes of Meeting 11th February 2026 The minutes of 11 th February 2026 were unanimously approved, proposed by Martin and seconded by Colin	
3. Matters Arising – In agenda.	
4. Correspondence <i>February/March</i> • OSCR Newsletter. • Emails with Connor Fraser re Barn and wood storage. As Trust taking on barn there is no urgent need re removing wood but probably need to be done in the summer. • CWA Spring Newsletter. • CLS Newsletter. • Chris March, FLS, Ardnarff felling proposals. • OSCR receipt of Annual Return. • NHS Highland, check FCT entry on Think Health, Think Nature database. Colin checked and OK.	
5. Georgie presented the February/March accounts. Business Current Account Income £ 0 Expenditure £ 360.00 (Nevis Accountancy £300 + VAT) Balance £ 3,785.09	

35 Day Liquidity Account December £96.76 Interest £ 62,234.12 Balance	Georgie Lizzie Georgie
6. Membership updates Two residences want to become members. Colin will send out email re joining as members and Chris has DPA (Data Protection Act) forms. Web site updates Martin has changed method of posting the Minutes to make more sense. Colin said we should also add the survey results the Trust has had. Lizzie to send OSCR Constitution	Colin/Chris Martin
7. FLS Felling Plan FLS had sent quite significant felling plan between Stromeferry and Ardnarff and Chris said that Chris Marsh would like a meeting to purely document the proposals. This has also been sent to the CC. Colin will contact Chris Marsh.	Colin
8. Land issues 1) Allotment vacancies. Colin will send out emails re vacancies and ask interested parties to contact him for further details. 2) Small Holding vacancy. Colin will send emails re vacancy re 8b. asking interested parties to contact him for further details and he will confirm the barn and paddock are not available.	Colin Colin

Both will have a closing date expressing interest in around three weeks' time and a request for a simple business plan. If more than one applicant, we will have to consider at our next meeting. 3) Amending small holding plot area There was a discussion re opening the existing apple orchard and include this as part of the small holding to compensate for the loss of the Barn paddock area the Trust now wishes to take on. Another suggestion was to move the existing fence on the small holding closer to the barn. Part of this discussion was that whatever is decided by the Trust in taking on the paddock and the allotment apple orchard as well as other areas, such as the picnic ground and footpath, will need a decent sit on mower to maintain them. Various options were discussed. Roddy said he would gather info and talk to Duncan. Chris recommended one that FLS use not just for grassy areas but bumpy, tussocky stuff. Lizzie said that we needed suggestions for the next meeting. Georgie added that we need to set up a grass cutting rota. We will also need some more fencing depending on final decision. Georgie asked whether Chris MacDonald would be able to do. Lizzie said Chris has been very busy but she will contact again and also re water gate. Colin said we should meet at the Barn to discuss various issues with the Barn, paddock and moving fences. A date was agreed Sunday 22nd March at 2 pm. Re the Trust taking on the barn, for the future Lizzie said we would need to advise NFU re barn value and Colin said we would need to redraw the land parcels map re 8a and 8b when moved around 4) Footpath maintenance Roddy will organise path spray with Trust members who have spray tickets. Georgie had tried to contact a sub-contractor and eventually got through but he doesn't have spray ticket. However, he said available for other work. <i>The path will need to be closed for a week dependent on weather and due notice sent to members and notices on path.</i>	All Lizzie All who are available Roddy
9. Allotment Bridge Martin said he had left a message with Paddy asking if interested in taking on and giving us a quote. Georgie asked if anyone else of company around. Various names were mentioned but no	Martin

contact made as yet a we await Paddy's response. Martin has repaired the footpath gate by the bridge as it had been washed away.	
10. Any Other Business 1) AGM. Colin said we are required to hold our AGM 15 months after becoming a SCIO in April last year, Colin suggested end of June. He also added that at the AGM, under the new constitution, the Trust add a clause, a special resolution, to co-opt directors up to the number of 10 maximum directors. Georgie was asked by OSCR regarding new director induction, Should we have in our paperwork, OSCR has very good guidelines but Lizzie suggested having a small file/folder with maps etc and reference to the website where there is a lot of information on the Trust. It was agreed that we need to prepare something.	

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

**Date of next Committee Meeting Wed 8th April 2026, 7.30pm
Achmore Hall**