

**Fernaig Community Trust**  
**Draft Minutes AGM, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**Achmore Hall, 7.30pm**

Colin McAndrew welcomed all

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

1. **Apologies** Neil MacRae and Jack Bird
2. **Adoption of minutes of AGM December 2019 & Directors' Report & Financial Statement 2020**

Due to Covid regulations we were unable to meet and hold the 2020 AGM but were able to produce a Directors' Report and Financial Statement (fully audited accounts) which were submitted to Companies House and the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator. Both were accepted and approved so we met with our legal and statutory obligations for 2020.

**Proposed by Lizzie Bird, seconded by Martin Irving and unanimously approved.**

3. **Chair's report 2021**

*In normal years, the Chair's Report reflects on activities and achievements; and takes the opportunity to look forward with optimism through plans for the year ahead. Of course, 2020 has been no normal year and the range of necessary national COVID restrictions has brought unforeseen challenges to small community-based organisations such as the Trust. Our main concern has been supporting the health and wellbeing in the community while maintaining the objective to survive until such time as the pandemic recedes to a minimal or controlled level.*

This is the opening paragraph of last year's Chair's Report and in the meantime sadly little has changed, although in recent months the relaxation in COVID regulations has meant we were able to resume monthly Directors' meeting from June. While there was no AGM for 2020, we were able to produce a Directors' Report and Financial statement (fully audited accounts) and submit these in good time to Companies House and the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator. Both were accepted and approved, so we met with our legal and statutory obligations for 2020. Our financial position has been restored and is now healthy.

On the Land, one field became vacant in May and following advertisement, was allocated to a new tenant in July. Two more fields may be available in the spring of 2022, but this is as yet not confirmed. Two more allotment plots were requested and granted, so the allotments are in a better position than for some years. After a particularly cold, late, spring, this year was a good growing season with much warm and dry summer weather. In particular, those growing soft fruit had exceptional crops. The hayfield produced a good crop and it was very pleasing to see hay being won in Duncan's field – the first time in many years.

The footpath remains popular and no problems have been experienced. Several residents expressed how grateful they were for the path during lockdown to walk and use for exercise. There is a job list to be undertaken next spring which will be tackled. The bench donated by the Community Council was installed and is a welcome addition

as a 'halfway house' resting place. Hopefully the issues encountered by visitors' poor behaviour in the Strome Woods will be less now that seasonal ranger staff is employed, and we will continue to liaise with FLS on this. We have also been in discussion with FLS on their future plans for their Achmore presence. We have maintained our membership of Community Land Scotland and the Community Woodlands Association.

Looking forward to 2022, we sincerely hope that it will be back to 'business as usual'. A number of projects will be planned to take forward e.g.

- Weed encroachment on the footpath
- The feasibility of opening up access to the riverbank
- An appraisal of the condition on all the Land with a view to necessary improvements
- Continue to monitor erosion on the burn at the allotment bridge
- Restoration of the Annual Open Day
- Identify potential further conservation projects (a pond has been suggested)
- Take every opportunity to increase community participation in the Trust.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Trust's Directors for their continuing work and commitment, and especially to Lizzie Bird, Company Secretary and Georgie Grimson, Treasurer, for the additional duties they undertake so willingly.

*Colin McAndrew*  
8 December 2021

**Proposed by Roddy MacPherson, seconded by Georgie Grimson and unanimously approved.**

#### **4. Company Secretary's Report**

I have carried out the usual duties of Co. Secretary although somewhat limited over the past year. Colin has covered how we fulfilled our legal and statutory obligations for 2020 and many thanks to him and Georgie.

I would like to thank all my fellow Board Members for the work and support the Trust has taken, albeit somewhat limited, over the past year.

*Lizzie Bird*  
08/12/2021

**Proposed by Colin McAndrew, seconded by Duncan Gibson and unanimously approved.**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Georgie Grimson presented the draft accounts.

### Income and Expenditure Account, Year ending 31st August 2021

<b>Income</b>		
Subs	0.00	
Allotments	515.00	
Holdings & Grazings	1,127.00	
Rents	1,888.08	
Bank interest	0.00	
Loan	0.00	
Donations	0.00	
Footpath	38.50	
Misc.	0.00	
Office	0.00	
	3,568.58	

<b>Expenditure</b>		
Misc	25.98	
Bank charges	0.00	
Electricity	278.68	
Office (less electricity)	129.44	
Accountant	280.00	
Footpath	405.90	
Insurance	466.11	
Hall Hire		
	1,586.11	

Balance year end 2020	4,080.11
Balance year end 2021	6,062.58
<b>Annual Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>1,982.47</b>

#### Reconciliation

<b>Statement Account</b>	6062.58
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Accounts Balance to date	6062.58
Uncleared cheques	0.00

Reconciliation	<b>6062.58</b>
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**Proposed by Martin Irving, seconded by Roddy MacPherson, unanimously approved subject to audit.**

## 6. Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed to retain the services of the Nevis Accountancy Service,

**Proposed by Colin McAndrew, seconded Lizzie Bird and unanimously approved.**

## **7. Any Motions to be proposed**

The Secretary reported that no motions had been received.

## **8. Elections of Directors**

Following no AGM in 2020 all the 7 current directors agreed to stand

Colin McAndrew  
Georgie Grimson  
Lizzie Bird  
Martin Irving  
Duncan Gibson  
Roddy MacPherson  
Neil MacRae

**Proposed by Colin McAndrew, seconded by Martin Irving and unanimously approved.**

Officer roles will be agreed at the Trust's Board meeting following the AGM tonight.

With no other business, Colin McAndrew thanked all those present for attending the AGM and the meeting closed at 20.05