

FCT Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Achmore Hall

**Present:** Colin McAndrew, Roddy MacPherson, Neil MacRae, Martin Irving, Lizzie Bird.and Chris Cartwright

**Apologies:** Kate Biss and Georgie Grimson

**Action**

<p><b>1. Welcome</b> Colin McA welcomed all to the meeting.</p>													
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Novvember 2024</b> <i>Minutes proposed by Neil, seconded by Martin and agreed.</i></p>													
<p><b>3. Correspondence</b> Monthly Newsletters received from CLS and CWA. Email Colin Parsons on SCIO Email Chris Cartwright on FLS work Glen Udalain Email Becky Mile on FLS felling (note - that this was sent by Becky on FCT email group and should have been posted by Colin P, Colin McA or Lizzie). Email Colin Parsons on Draft Nov. minutes</p>													
<p><b>4. Finance -</b> Georgie presented the <b>November</b> accounts. <b>Business Current Account</b></p> <table data-bbox="316 1391 1107 1659"> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£</td> <td>45.00</td> <td>(£10.00 Connor Fraser Hens, £ 15.00 Allotment Edlins, £ 20.00 Credit CWA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£</td> <td>40.00</td> <td>(£40.00 CWA membership paid twice in error)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£</td> <td>9,608.80</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>35 Day Liquidity Account</b> £60,257.36 £ 141.71 interest</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>£60,399.07</u> Balance</p> <p>Georgie reported on Tax Exemption Certificate re paying no tax on interest for a charity. She and Colin McA had followed up and completed HMRC form online a week ago. This had been submitted to HMRC who decide if the Trust qualifies. If we do,</p>	Income	£	45.00	(£10.00 Connor Fraser Hens, £ 15.00 Allotment Edlins, £ 20.00 Credit CWA)	Expenditure	£	40.00	(£40.00 CWA membership paid twice in error)	Balance	£	9,608.80		
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<p>then they will issue us with a letter of Recognition which will send to our bank.</p> <p>Following last meeting and agreement to issue 3 month lease to Colin P re grazing of ponies, it was agreed at £20.00 per month and Colin McA will liaise with Georgie re issue of lease.</p> <p>Lizzie suggested that, as with many other local organisations, the Trust give support to the Kyle Leisure Centre. It was agreed we would donate £100.00. Lizzie will contact Georgie to issue donation.</p>	<p><b>Colin McA</b></p> <p><b>Lizzie</b></p>
<p><b>5. Land issues</b></p> <p><b>a) Stone delivery</b> Martin had called Paddy Munroe re stone delivery and received reply apologising for delay. Chris will nudge Paddy re delivery.</p> <p><b>b) Hay Field – priorities for 2025</b></p> <p>As a Trust Field there was a discussion on what to do with the initial need to get rid of dockens and then plough it. With the likelihood of no hay crop for next year Neil and Martin suggested various mixes to produce a silage crop. Chris said a ground analysis would help. Taking this on board and obvious costs re supplies etc., it was agreed to form a working party and outline a plan of action from February.next year.</p> <p><b>c) Other priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, Allotments – water supply and improvements where required.  Lizzie asked about leaning tree by Waddell's allotment and Roddy still to look at this.</li> <li>2. Improving track and entrance to allotments with stone filling</li> <li>3. Bridge maintenance – weather dependant</li> <li>4. Foot Path maintenance (weed control and surface dressing)  Colin McA suggested that for the first 100m or so on the foot path Achmore end that it would be good to have avenue of specimen trees, such as aspen, to create more of an entrance to the path. There is a Scottish campaign at the moment to plant aspen as they have declined badly over the years. Colin McA will investigate schemes such as Trees for Life. This would give the Trust a conservation project which is quite achievable.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chris</b></p> <p><b>Roddy</b></p> <p><b>Colin McA</b></p>

<p>Neil brought up the issue of trees in the burn and how it would be a mammoth job to remove given the poor access to the burn. Suggestions ?</p>	
<p><b>6. SCIO Process – EGM</b></p> <p>Lizzie had confirmed date of EGM, agreed with Jackie, as the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, Achmore Hall. Colin McA and Lizzie will liaise re issue of EGM notification to members together with updated draft Constitution.</p> <p>The EGM will only cover</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval to convert to a SCIO</li> <li>2. Adopt the Trust's SCIO Constitution</li> </ol> <p>There was a query regarding voting as 75% needed under current Mem and Arts. Under SCIO rules it is 66%. Agreed that as we currently work under current Mem and Arts it should be 75%.</p>	<p><b>Colin McA &amp; Lizzie</b></p>

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Achmore Hall, 7.30pm**