

Minutes of Meeting 14th January 2025, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Roddy MacPherson, Georgie Grimson, Neil MacRae, Lizzie Bird.and Chris Cartwright

Apologies: Colin Parsons and Kate Biss

Action

1. Welcome Colin McA welcomed all to the meeting.	
2. Minutes of Meeting 10th December 2024 <i>Re Land Issues Item 4.</i> Specimen trees. Colin McA investigated aspen availability options. Can buy 20ft specimen trees for £100 each or from the Woodland Trust they have saplings in bundles of 60 for £73. Agreed to buy two bundles and for around £50 we can get guards to protect them. Colin McA will order. Chris pointed out using tubes is not now recommended as the environment/micro climate inside the tubes can impact healthy growth of saplings. <i>Minutes proposed by Chris, seconded by Roddy and agreed.</i>	Colin McA
3. Correspondence Contact/brief meeting with Meg Taintor, Development Manager of CLS 11/12.2024. Note of ACHA meeting from Jackie Parsons and request for FCT to pause SCIO application as Hall about to apply for a SCIO. Response from FCT sent 20/12/2024 after input from the Board that we wish to continue with our application as it is about to be submitted after a year's work and if the Hall goes ahead then we can have discussions at a later date. CWA and CLS monthly Newsletters. Notice of Hall closure week of 6 th January, so move EGM date to 16 th Jan 2025. Info from CWA on Scottish Parliament evidence session on Forestry Management 15 th Jan 2025. Notice of EGM on 16 th January sent to FCT members of 23 rd Dec. Request from Colin Parsons for lease of hayfield (part, quarter or one acre) for hay.	

<div>4. Finance - Georgie presented the December accounts.</div> <div><div>Business Current Account</div><table><tr><td>Income</td><td>£</td><td>100.00</td><td>(£40.00 late allotment rent, £60 grazing rent)</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure</td><td>£</td><td>75.00</td><td>(Hall rent)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4"> </td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£</td><td>9,633.80</td><td></td></tr></table><div><div>35 Day Liquidity Account</div><div>£60,399.07.</div><div>£ 156.74 Interest</div><div>£60,555.81 Balance</div></div><div>Georgie had applied for the tax exemption licence with a lot of supporting documentation on line on 16th December and it will be around 6 weeks to hear back.</div><div>Georgie is also about to prepare the annual accounts and Colin McA will prepare annual report for submission to Co. House and OSCR..</div></div>	Income	£	100.00	(£40.00 late allotment rent, £60 grazing rent)	Expenditure	£	75.00	(Hall rent)					Balance	£	9,633.80		<div>Georgie</div> <div>Colin McA</div>
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<div>6. Land issues</div> <div><div>a) Tree by Waddell's allotment – Roddy to look at, ongoing</div><div>b) Hayfield - in response to email from Colin P it was agreed not to divide up the hayfield. As discussed at our previous meeting and agreed, plans are well in hand for the spring work in the hayfield and the whole field should benefit from this. One option is to suggest to Colin P that he may wish to think about Field 10 at Braeintrá – to be vacated by Martin at the end of March. Martin has taken a fair number of large bales off it, which should be more than enough for Colin P's needs? Also, there is optimism that the hayfield itself may provide some sort of crop this year with a share to be available to those who request it.</div><div>Neil suggested that we open an account now with ACT for fertilizer, agricultural seed etc so we are ready for work March/April. All agreed and Roddy will action.</div><div>We also need to action getting soil samples and analysis and Roddy will source</div><div>c) Ditch on far side of Hayfield – Neil reported that it is very full. Duncan cleared some years ago but it does need someone with the right equipment to clear so this will be looked into.</div></div>	<div>Roddy</div> <div>Roddy</div> <div>Roddy</div>																

<p>7. SCIO Process</p> <p>Colin McA passed SCIO documentation to Lizzie in preparation for the EGM this coming Thursday. One was the notice of two resolutions from OSCR covering –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A special resolution of the company that it be converted into a SCIO - An ordinary resolution of the company adopting the proposed constitution of the SCIO. <p>Under our current Mem and Arts the quorum for the EGM is 6 and votes for first special resolution is 75%.to adopt and the ordinary resolution is 50% to adopt.</p> <p>If resolutions are passed, then the next stage will be completion of application paperwork to OSCR and Colin and Lizzie will arrange date to complete .It could take around 3 months to receive confirmation of FCT becoming a SCIO following our application.</p>	<p>Colin McA Lizzie</p>
<p>8, AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Georgie asked whether someone had cleared the bank by the bridge/allotment road Hayfield end. as there were apple trees there and it now looks bare. b) It was agreed that due to other commitments we move our Committee meetings from Tuesdays to Wednesdays so our next meeting will be Wednesday 12th February. 	

Meeting closed at 8.45

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