Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 11th June 2024, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Roddy McPherson, Martin Irving, Colin Parsons, Georgie

Grimson, Kate Biss and Lizzie Bird.

Apologies: Chris Cartwright and Neil MacRae,

Action

1. Welcome

Colin McA welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Meeting 9 April 2024

Matters Arising -

- **a)** Kissing Gate installed by Chris MacDonald. All agreed he had done a great job. Thanks to Roddy for transporting it to site from the Frank.
- b) Piece of wood missing from new shed, Colin McA has found suitable piece.
- c) Jane Stevenson's allotment shed delivered and thanks to Sanders for uplift to her allotment.

Minutes proposed by Roddy, seconded by Georgie and agreed.

3. Correspondence

- a) Lizzie has replied to the Footpaths Group email and Ish Howat acknowledged with thanks.
- b) Colin McA had received email from APHA regarding Avian Flu and guidance on reporting procedure if dead birds sighted.
- c) Sale of old Forestry Office. Colin McA had received Title Deeds for signature and the Letter of Engagement from the Solicitors and both were returned. Several emails over period of a fortnight were also received from our Solicitors, FLS Solicitors and Scottish Ministers regarding payment. The settlement date agreed is the 14th June. Ruairidh from FLS is due over next week. Colin McA gave Lizzie file copies.
- c) Lochalsh Collaboration had sent request to update Trust information and an invitation to a virtual meeting on 4th June. Colin McA sent information they requested.
- d) CWA Monthly newsletter
- e) CC inviting individual comments on draft Local Plan.

	f) CLS Monthly newsletter and Annual Membership renewal.	
	g) CLS – regarding their submission on Land Reform Bill	
	h) Scottish Government annual Agricultural Census – completion due 30 th June. Colin McA said there is a mismatch re their stated acreage and the acreage Coin McA is reporting on. Martin said some of the past information was really old. Colin McA will return form by 30 th June.	Colin McA
4.	Finance	
	Georgie presented the April accounts.	
	Income £ 245.00 (Small holdings rent – all now	
	received) Expenditure £ 27.54 (Fuel for lawn mower in new shed)	
	Balance £9,362.81	
5.	Office Update	
	As reported under Correspondence.	
	Lizzie will contact NFU, the Trust's Insurers, to inform them on the sale of the old office and is no longer needed on our policy but also to inform them of the new Trust shed at value of around	Lizzie
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Georgie suggested having a bench by the river below the kissing gate and all agreed. Idea was just for a simple bench – two legs with plank across and Martin suggested asking Chris MacDonald. Lizzie will speak to Chris.

Lizzie

d) Path Clearance

Georgie raised a query regarding the path which is now all grass. Are we going to leave it as it is and just mow it or are we going to treat it with weed killer. Her concern was who, in the future would mow the path and will it gradually disappear like the old roads.

Roddy suggested a weed heat/burn tool and will give his own system a go. All agreed it was worth a try and a better option to weed killer and, if successful, for the Trust to look at purchase of a commercial weed burner.

Roddy

Colin P did brambles on path but not up the hill which he will do.

Colin P

e) Trust Tools

Colin P had sent out a list with suggestions from last meeting with items to be agreed. Lizzie said we need hooks in the shed to hang tools. Colin McA had looked online at prices and he and Georgie will liaise to agree the list.

Colin McA & Georgie

7. SCIO Process

Draft Constitution - Colin P had sent round 'The Purposes' in bulleted heading format as agreed at our last meeting. Another small amendment was made and agreed.

The Board then went through the document and queried then agreed draft wording on several paragraphs. Colin P will amend and produce the final draft ready for our next meeting. Our aim will then be to adopt the final draft and communicate with members.

Colin P

Not part of the Constitution, but it was agreed to give an earlier notification of an AGM to members to facilitate perhaps more interest in people standing as Trustees..

9. AOB

Date for the Trust's open day, usually in August, will depend on the bridge works and update on this will be at our July meeting,

The Allotment Open Day – some felt that this and the Trust's open day be on the same day with the whole community coming together but after discussion it was agreed that July was a better month for Allotment Holders. It was also suggested that the Trust Open Day also be in July on the same date but will be discussed at our next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2024, Achmore Hall, 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.