

To: Iseabail Howat, Achmore & Stromeferry Paths Group

From: The Board of the Fernaig Community Trust

6th June 2024

Dear Iseabail

First of all please accept my sincere apologies for not replying to your letter to the Board of 13th May.

Following the meeting I was away and then unwell for two weeks so things have fallen behind, but I know you will have had an update from Colin Parson at your Paths Group meeting a week or so ago.

The Board have discussed the proposal three times in November and December last year and an update provided at the Trust's AGM in January. On each occasion we have said the Trust, although willing to offer help and advice with their experience of the path built on Trust land, did not wish to form association with group.

At our meeting on 13th May there was again discussion around the subject, including liability outwith the Trust owned land and included the concern regarding the Board's responsibility for the group's finances such as being a guarantor for any grants if applied for. We feel the best way forward for you is to set up your own formally constituted group or join with e.g. the Kyle and Lochalsh group.

The majority of the Board said, as they have done three times before, that they did not wish to have a Fernaig Trust Paths sub group but wish the group well in your future endeavours.

Kind regards

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