

Fernaig Community Trust
Minutes of Meeting – 10th January 2017

Achmore Hall

Present: Colin MacAndrew, Georgie Grimson, Neil McRae, Dave Mockett and Lizzie Bird

1. Apologies: Roddy McPherson

2. Minutes of October Meeting – Approved. Proposed by Dave and seconded by Neil.

The November meeting was not quorate but the three directors met with Ron Duncan who had been invited to the meeting and, under the obligation as a condition of the scheme, discussed and updated Ron on the Action Plan.

Jacky Parsons had also attended and issues were raised regarding fences and membership.

3. Draft Minutes of December AGM – these had been circulated by Lizzie to the board and will be posted to the website when Georgie has emailed Lizzie the accounts to add.

It was agreed at this meeting that Colin will remain as Chair, Georgie as Treasurer and Lizzie as Co. Sec

4. Finance - update

- a) Georgie will send the 2015/16 accounts to Companies House.
- b) We had received an electricity bill of £62.13
- c) Invoice for Hall use not received so Lizzie will check with Hall Chairman.

5. SDRP Footpaths Application - update

The Rural Secretary has announced the outcome of this year's round of the SRDP Agri-Environment Climate Scheme, including process projects. Colin had received a letter today informing us that our Footpaths funding application has been successful. The next stage will be the issue of a contract by Scottish Government, which will obviously require discussion, and should be with us shortly.

6. Land issues

- a) **Field 6** – The field, 1.65 hectares and at an annual rent of £83 will be available from April 2017. Colin had prepared a poster which will go on the Hall notice board and send to Lizzie to circulate by email. (see item 8 c) below).
- b) **Fences** – Crisdean has nearly replaced the fences he cut and is awaiting local quotes re fence repairs.

7. Work Plan 2017

Colin has prepared a working draft and will circulate to the board prior to our February meeting for further input.

8. AOB

- a) Lizzie will speak to Bruce FCS re keeping the car park in Strome Woods tidy and cleaner (various deposits have been left from overnight camper vans through the past summer!)
- b) Trust Membership - ideas for this will be discussed at next meeting.
- c) Re circulating Trust information – Lizzie will organise a general local email list as we no longer have the facility of a CC and their list to use. She will send out the information regarding letting of Field 6 but use this email as a check as to whether anyone does not want to be included on any further emails. This list can also be used for other events to be held locally.

Date of next meeting : 14th February, Achmore Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.39 pm