

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 9 October 2018, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Duncan Gibson, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson

Apologies Lizzie Bird

	Action
<p>1. Minutes of 18 September 2018 meeting Approved - Proposed by Martin, seconded by Duncan</p> <p>Matters Arising: Actions from previous meeting, form part of the agenda</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>2. Finance Update: September Income</p> <p>£45.00 Office rents £120.00 Allotment Rents £24.50 Donation Boxes £20.00.....Donation (M Fraser)</p> <p>£209.50 Total</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Bank Balance at end August £1403.58</p> <p>- reminders for annual allotment rent to be sent to those who still have to pay - it was noted that the bank balance is recovering</p>	<p><i>Georgie</i></p>
<p>3. Footpath Update A watch will be kept on areas of the path which are covered by water after heavy rain. A small culvert at the corner of the hayfield may need to be created.</p> <p>The film of the path opening is finished and all agreed it is very good. It will be published on the Scottish Government website along with others from Community Land Week.</p> <p>There appears to be no agreement to relocate 'Willie's Bench'.</p>	<p><i>ALL</i></p>

<p>4. Office. Lionsaidh's request to use the Office as workshop space was agreed as discussed previously, following a viewing. She is very enthusiastic and has repainted the room and moved in her work. Rent will be payable from 1 November (Georgie to agree a payment method).</p> <p>Duncan had re-connected the water, but there is still a minor leak so water has to be turned off when the building is empty, and the plumbing should be replaced. A replacement toilet and sink are desirable and will also be sourced. Colin had disposed of the old electrical/IT equipment and all furniture moved into the small room. It was agreed to try to clear that room of junk, contacting owner(s) and retain it as a Trust 'Office'.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p>
<p>5. Leases/Land. It was agreed to uplift rents per Hectare as part of the Lease renewal process from April 2019. Colin indicated that currently Less Favoured Area rents nationally average £27 per Ha, and we charge £20. It was felt that this would be a fair increase, but tenants' views would be sought. 5-year SLDTs would be again be offered and Colin would find out if any wish not to renew.</p> <p>Colin Parsons has requested a further 1 year grazing/mowing lease for the hayfield from 1 Dec. This was agreed as pragmatic and on the same basis as this year (field rent £185, + £30 for grazing ponies for 3 months Dec- Feb). Colin would issue a lease.</p> <p>Colin Arthur reported that he has lost tractor access to one of the fields at the small culvert. This will be investigated.</p>	<p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>6. AGM. It was agreed to hold the AGM on Tuesday 11 December. The path opening film could be shown then, if a digital projector can be sourced. Colin would liaise with Lizzie on AGM arrangements.</p>	
<p>7. AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin had organised a TV Licence exemption for the Office - One of Crisdean's cattle had jumped the fence on the allotment road, pulling away the top (barbed) wire. Crisdean had been contacted to repair. - A CD of Tillhill's next 20 year Local Forest Plan Renewal has been received and anyone interested can view this. Most of the timber activity is at Duncraig/Achnandarach. 	

Dates of next meeting:

Monthly Meeting, 13 November, at 7.30pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.50pm

