

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting – 13 March 2018, Achmore Hall

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

<p>1. Apologies: Lizzie Bird</p> <p>2. Minutes of 13 February meeting Approved - Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Neil</p> <p>Matters Arising: Majority are agenda items for this meeting. In addition:</p> <p>Written request received from Crisdean (Snr) for Jnr to graze cattle in his field, and granted.</p> <p>Request from Crisdean Jnr to allow sheep belonging to R MacMillan to graze field 7 until after lambing agreed by email between meetings.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p><i>Colin</i></p>
<p>3. Finance Update: February Continues to be busy with funds incoming and outgoing as the path project is finalised.</p> <p>Income: £13,245 Expend: £28,289.18</p> <p>Income: £13,200 SRDP Grant (Claim 2) Rents: £45</p> <p>Expenditure: £15,000 SIS (Repayment 1st drawdown) £13,200 SIS (Repayment 2nd drawdown) £89.18 SIS Interest on loan</p> <p>Bank balance: £13,499.71</p> <p>(Final Claim to RPID submitted 20 February. Final SIS drawdown £43,500 requested, paid on 7 March. Final Highland Conservation account of £53,676 paid on 8 March.)</p> <p>Invoices issued for holdings rents due 1 April for 2018-19, with letter reminding tenants of their responsibilities.</p>	<p><i>Georgie</i></p>

<p>4 SRDP Footpaths</p> <p>Since the last meeting on 13 February all work had been completed, the last item being the supply and installation of information boards, which mainly publicly acknowledge funding source(s).</p> <p>The sub-committee should continue to meet as necessary to monitor the path, develop a maintenance/inspection plan and look at any items that should be purchased. Donation boxes at entrances were agreed as a priority.</p> <p>Donald Kennedy, Highland Council Access Officer, had visited and conducted a GPS survey. He intends to recommend that the path is included in HC's core paths network.</p> <p>Duncan reported a minor accident, with his son being cut by top strand barbed wired on the old riverside fence. We should replace that with plain wire.</p> <p>Fields 4.5,6 and 7 have been remeasured to take account of the land resumed by the path. This results in a very small acreage and rent reduction for tenants.</p> <p>All agreed that the path is being well used by the community, is proving popular and many enthusiastic and supportive comments received.</p>	<p><i>Colin/Georgie/Martin</i></p>
<p>5. Woodland Trust Trees</p> <p>The trees, spiral guards and canes have been delivered for planting, all in good condition. The Woodland Trust have asked us to publicise the award and provided a template. With growth not yet started and the continuing cold weather, it was agreed to advertise a community 'Planting Day' for Saturday 14 April. Discussion followed on also involving schools, cubs and possibly Kyleakin Connections members.</p>	<p><i>All/Colin</i></p>
<p>6. General Data Protection Regulations</p> <p>Georgie had attended a seminar in Fort William on the new GDPR which come into force at the end of May. Georgie reported that as a charity the Trust would have to comply and there is much work to be done. We would know more once various pieces of guidance are received.</p>	<p><i>Georgie</i></p>
<p>7. Land</p> <p>Damaged Bridge</p> <p>Neil had inspected and measured the FCS walkway(s) and we would determine if it will fit for length.</p> <p>Field 10</p> <p>At least one application had been sent to Lizzie, but in her</p>	<p><i>Martin/Neil/Roddy</i></p> <p><i>Colin/Lizzie</i></p>

<p>absence this would be left for now to decide.</p> <p>Discussion on Tenancies</p> <p>There was a general discussion on new leases due from April 2019, including a review of rents which have remained unchanged for some time. We will deal with this later in the year.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p>8. AOCB</p> <p>This was no other business and Colin thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

Date of next meeting: 10 April, Achmore Hall, at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm