

Fernaig Community Trust

Minutes of Meeting 9th April 2019, Achmore Hall

Present: Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson, Duncan Gibson
Roddy MacPherson, Neil McRae and Martin Fraser

<p>1. Minutes of 12th March 2019 meeting</p> <p>Spelling of auditors corrected from McDowells to MacDowells. Also under income – figure should read £145 for rent not £146.</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Georgie and seconded by Duncan and unanimously approved.</p>										
<p>2. An item under AOB brought forward</p> <p>Following our last meeting when it was unanimously agreed to Connor's Fraser's proposal to secure a plot for his chicken enterprise, Martin Fraser attended the meeting. Three potential sites had been looked at and Connor had identified an area by Colin Arthur's field. Martin had spoken to Colin McAndrew and Colin Parsons regarding suitability and the site agreed. As a small plot (half allotment size) it was agreed that a charge of £10 per annum would be made and Colin McAndrew will arrange a three year lease, renewable annually.</p>	<p>Colin</p>									
<p>3. Finance Update: Feb 2019</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Income</td> <td style="width: 20%;">£ 145.00</td> <td style="width: 50%;">(Rent)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£ 520.16</td> <td>(Electricity £50.08 NFU Ins £470.08)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£2,121.60</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>a) Georgie reported that audit paperwork had been collected from MacDowells and will be submitted to OSCR</p> <p>b) Georgie mentioned that the CB group were paying less insurance than the Trust and perhaps a good idea to compare policies. Lizzie agreed and Georgie will let Lizzie have a copy of the CB policy for comparison</p> <p>c) Converting a Charitable Company to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)</p> <p>As agreed at our last meeting, Colin and Georgie had worked on a flowchart/job list of the processes the Trust will need to undertake.</p>	Income	£ 145.00	(Rent)	Expenditure	£ 520.16	(Electricity £50.08 NFU Ins £470.08)	Balance	£2,121.60		<p style="text-align: center;">Georgie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Georgie/Lizzie</p>
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<p>The answer to the reasons of why we should change is that it will offer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the same level of liability protection - be covered by lighter touch regulation and removal from Companies House (who deal only with OSCR) - our charitable status would be retained - simpler accounting procedure (payments and receipts accounts). <p><i>Tasks (not exhaustive):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on 'one tier' or 'two tier' • Prepare new draft constitution. Template provided by SCVO, guidance available from OSCR • Establish a Membership List • Call a General Meeting to put proposal, pass a resolution to convert and pass a resolution to adopt proposed constitution • Prepare application to OSCR • Meet any requests from OSCR <p>The aim would be to complete our application by July/August this year.</p> <p>Lizzie suggested that we could re-establish the Membership List, as we will need signatures and cover DP issues, at the forthcoming Achmore Gathering on the 25th May.</p> <p>d) Georgie has issued invoices regarding tenancies</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Colin/Georgie</p> <p>Lizzie</p>
<p>4. Green Health Mapping Project – Community Land Scotland</p> <p>Colin had received correspondence regarding the above and agreed to sign up to include Trust information regarding the new path.</p>	
<p>5. Allotments - Wild flowers / New Path</p> <p>Martin had sent round an email with information on planting wild flowers. The meeting agreed to the idea but Martin will speak to Colin Parsons regarding ground preparation that will need to be carried out prior to planting. We also need to decide on the most suitable sites and acquisition of seeds.</p>	<p>Martin</p>

<p>Martin had also included Dog Signs for people using the new path and all agreed that these need to be displayed. Martin will laminate and post on the path.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Trust need to set up a path maintenance job list and Duncan had brought to the meeting a rough grass cutter for the Trust to consider buying to help with maintenance. The cost of the cutter is £300 and it was unanimously agreed that this is purchased by the Trust and many thanks to Duncan for acquiring it. The question of where to garage the cutter was discussed and as a temporary measure it will be in Colin's polytunnel.</p>	<p><i>Martin</i></p>
<p>6. AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The office still needs painting and a test paint will be carried out - weather permitting. 2) It was agreed that communications with the revived Community Council will be on an 'as necessary basis' rather than submitting a monthly report 3) Lizzie had contacted FCS about Bruce attending a meeting. She had spoken to Martin MacMartin in the office who said he would pass message on. Lizzie had mentioned the Concordat we have with FCS and, with all the changes going on in FCS Martin said this would still stand. 	

Dates of next meeting:

14th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.53pm