

## Fernaig Community Trust

### Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Achmore Hall

**Present:** Colin McAndrew, Duncan Gibson, Georgie Grimson, Lizzie Bird, Martin Irving and Neil MacRae

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| <p><b>1. Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 meeting</b></p> <p>Proposed by Georgie, seconded by Duncan and unanimously approved.</p>   |                   |                                   |               |  |      |                   |             |          |                                   |         |          |  |  |
| <p><b>2. Finance Update: Oct 2019</b></p> <table data-bbox="323 815 1165 1086"><tr><td>Income</td><td>£ 185.00</td><td>(£ 145 Rents)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>£ 40</td><td>(Allotment rents)</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure</td><td>£ 119.77</td><td>(New donation boxes and padlocks)</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£4118.75</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>As agreed at the last meeting Georgie signed a contract with Nevis Accountancy Services regarding our annual accounts with OSCR and she was also completed tax forms for the FCT.</p> <p>Georgie also contacted allotment holders regard outstanding accounts.</p> <p>Georgie has also paid Achmore Hall invoices for the past three years.</p> | Income            | £ 185.00                          | (£ 145 Rents) |  | £ 40 | (Allotment rents) | Expenditure | £ 119.77 | (New donation boxes and padlocks) | Balance | £4118.75 |  |  |
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| Expenditure   | £ 119.77          | (New donation boxes and padlocks) |               |  |      |                   |             |          |                                   |         |          |  |  |
| Balance   | £4118.75          |                                   |               |  |      |                   |             |          |                                   |         |          |  |  |
| <p><b>3. Footpath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Georgie &amp; Joe had planted bulbs along the footpath by the new bridge and along the footpath. Many thanks to them both.</li><li>b) The new donation boxes with padlocks have been put in place.</li><li>c) Colin placed an order with a cheque for the footpath information board and received an email last week acknowledging receipt.</li><li>d) We need to discuss path management as nature is taking over and it was agreed to carry this forward to discuss in the New Year.</li></ul>   | <p><b>All</b></p> |                                   |               |  |      |                   |             |          |                                   |         |          |  |  |

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| <p><b>4. Land</b></p> <p>a) Colin Parsons has been sent a 1 year grazing lease for the hay field .</p> <p>b) Re the fence which was reported cut at the last meeting, Colin emailed the tenant emailed requesting repair but this has not yet been done.</p> <p>c) Office Painting – Still ongoing to find a painter</p> <p>d) Highland Green Partnership. With the possibility of applying for a small grant that for something benefit the community, after discussion it was decided to apply for a Poly tunnel. The closing date is the 25<sup>th</sup> November and Colin will circulate a first draft of our application for all to comment.</p>   | <p><b>Georgie/Lizzie</b></p> <p><b>Colin</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> |
| <p><b>5. Forestry &amp; Land Scotland (formerly FCS)</b></p> <p>Following Bruce Taylor’s attendance at our last meeting Lizzie had met with Chris Nixon regarding the felling in Strome Woods and points raised.</p> <p>a) Brash downside of the path entrance to the woods blocking end of small circular path - Chris will liaise with the felling contractor to remove to better area</p> <p>b) Regarding the mix of trees, Chris confirmed that F&amp;LS would be taking any red cedar themselves and any birch that comes out could be for community wood. It was also agreed to mark two trees, one a beech and one pine at the edge of the coupe to prevent felling. Chris had given Lizzie yellow tape to mark which she has done.</p> <p>c) Chris agreed about the gate beyond the car park at the entrance to the woods which will be erected after felling completed.</p> <p>d) Chris agreed to investigate ‘respect our woods’ signage as well as the Trust’s proposal for a donation box.</p> | <p><b>Chris Nixon</b></p> <p><b>Chris Nixon</b></p>                |
| <p><b>6) Matters Arising</b></p> <p>a) <b>AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Colin will forward notice of AGM to Lizzie and she will circulate via the general email list. Colin will put on Hall notice board.</p>   | <p><b>Colin/Lizzie</b></p>   |

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| b) <b>Website</b><br>Lizzie asked that the Board look at the website as it needs refreshing. | <i>All</i> |
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**Date of next meeting:**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 following the AGM**

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.48 pm