

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting
Thursday the 6th of JUNE 2019 at 4:30pm
at the Hub**

Present- Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Keith Robertson, Jo Godwin

Apologies- Jill Wilkinson

1.	<p>Previous Minutes Minutes from the previous meeting of 9th of May 2019 were approved as an accurate record</p>	
2.	<p>Actions/Matters arising from 9/5/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We noted that the school new academic year timetable was not finalised yet. Rob agreed to try and speak with Shirley Mclaughlin the primary headteacher. • School activities- Action complete after WB primary sowed wildflower seeds on 23/5. • Boardwalk- Wood delivered-action complete. • George Watsons college- We agreed to return the cheque for £75 and request the full reimbursement of our costs. • Free rotavator- No response to Robs enquiry re free rotavator. Rob to continue trying. • Website- Update complete • Storage- Action complete. • Green futures arran hours in May- We acknowledged the additional 14 hours worked in May. We agreed that we should pay these hours and green futures should work the normal contracted hours in June, rather than work fewer to balance out May. • Grant tracker- Jo has constructed a template to trial; T&C's for each grant to be entered. Rob to provide information to populate • Comic Relief- In Juliette's absence, Jo and Rob have examined the application and the payments. Jo has provided a financial breakdown supported by receipts; narrative now required to complete and submit. • Wildflower seed reimbursement-We have now been informed that the fund to reimburse us has been oversubscribed. We will not receive any funding to replace the costs of obtaining seed and sand. We also agreed to hold the seeds left for autumn planting. • Community production grant- We are not receiving any money from this fund as Arran is not deemed to be a priority area under simd. • Rural Payments- The Agricultural consultant is due on Arran soon. Nick to arrange meeting when date known. 	<p>RC/JG</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>Action complete</p> <p>NB</p> <p>NB</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Ayrshire venture fund- Darren agrees in principle to working with us on a bid. Nick to arrange a meeting with Darren to discuss ideas. • Field topping- Young farmers topped x3 fields. Due to the years since one field in particular was topped it took longer than expected. (10 hours). The next cut should be quicker and less costly. • Makers festival- We agreed we were too stretched to attend this event. Rob to inform organisers. 	
3.	<p>Agenda</p> <p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo provided a financial update to trustees. Currently acli had £12184 in the bank Given agreed financial commitments to date Jo estimates we will have circa £7300 at the end of December 2019. • The first quarter's sheep rental is due soon. Jo to contact contractee to arrange payment. 	JG
4.	Grant update	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No known grant income due to a/c at present. Therefore only new income at present is from allotment, horse and sheep contracts. • Rob advised that there is a meeting on 7th of June re a £104,000 fund for Arran locality partnership. Rob to attend and advise on appropriate follow up. • We also acknowledged the meetings being arranged re rural payments and navf. • Outdoor and woodland learning- Nick provided information on his discussion with the Scottish 'OWL' coordinator. Essentially there is grant support for administration, events, materials etc. However the biggest factor is not the setting up but its sustainability. The Scottish coordinator would attend a meeting on Arran with interested groups in the autumn. Nick was asked to prepare a briefing paper about this possibility. 	RC NB NB
5.	<p>Garden Party/other activities-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are very pleased with how the first few weeks have gone. There is also some feedback about the benefits of the activity to people attending. Darren is excellent in adjusting tasks to capability. Conceivably we have funds for up to 32 weeks. • We discussed the possibility of arranging two children/family days during the summer holidays. There was debate around charging, pvg, whether one day would be for children only and one for families. We thought that these two days could be encompassed within Darren's normal x4 days per month. It was agreed that Nick would seek Darren's views on the best way forward. • We noted that our links with the outdoor education centre have become tenuous. There could be a range of options for the outdoor centre making use of the land. Rob agreed to make contact with the centre manager. 	NB RC
6.	<p>Land management strategy-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We agreed that we should arrange a time for trustees to have a special session prior to meeting Alex Pirie from Scottish agriculture consultancy. (in the event this meeting will now take place after Alex Pirie made contact to meet up with us) Aocb- • Rob reported back on the allotment meeting held in previous week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing interest in what might be done by way of a deer fence and recommended next step of pacing out and pricing ideally with Jim Park plus at least one trustee. From this funding options can be considered. ○ We do not have a consolidated record of allotment holders contact details or contracts and as the landlord and with a duty of care etc we recognise our responsibility to hold all of the contracts and be able to contact all and any allotment holders directly as and when required. ○ We noted that allotment contracts need to commence after (July 1st), and not before, the allotment inspection in the third week of June (some confusion about this re last years contracts) ○ We also have a concern that payments and the payment cycle (ie yearly commencing July 1st) is still not in place for all allotment holders. ○ Jo indicated she will issue and hold new contacts for year 2019-2020 with suggested payment arrangements and will liase with allotment co-ordinator to consolidate a complete holder contact detail listing. ○ We noted that the earth toilet required a new part. We agreed to purchase the part required. • Volunteer days-these are likely to be taken up with completing the boardwalk in June, July and August. • Ceildh fundraising-We agreed that we should find out what we could reasonably expect to make from a ceilidh, in comparison with other forms of fundraising. We also need clarity over what we would put any profit towards. For example if we want to undertake something that cost £5000, made £1000 from a ceilidh but did not have the resources to make up the £4000 difference we would set unrealistic expectations for those with an interest in the land initiative. We will await the informal research into what event, if any, we should invest resources and time in 	<p>RC/NG</p> <p>JG</p>
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	<p>to make a decent return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We noted the oscr invite to a charities information day on 25/6 in Troon. Rob agreed to attend.• Bank mandate was signed again by Nick and Jo. Rob to ask Juliette to sign.	

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