

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting
Thursday the 5th of September 2019 at 4:30pm
at the Hub**

Present- Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin.

Apologies- None received

1.	<p>Previous Minutes Minutes from the previous meeting of 8th of August 2019 were approved as an accurate record.</p>	
2.	<p>Actions/Matters arising from 4/7/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob yet to confirm meeting with Shirley McLaughlin. Action still active. RC • Locality Partnership- Rob yet to confirm meeting with Ellen McMaster. Action still active. RC • Outdoor centre- meeting outstanding, action still open. RC • Allotment leases etc- see substantive discussion notes below. • Toilet part- Jim advises that he has fixed the seat. This action closed, but we need to remember that the firm went out of business that supplied it. <p>Agenda- Financial report and grants- Balance today is £8826. We noted that under the terms of the service level agreement Darren returns to 14 hours per month and we no longer fund the apprentice. Action- Nick to confirm with Darren the return to winter hours and focus between garden club/volunteer supervision/maintenance. Darren, Kieran, Malcolm, Rob and Nick worked on the boardwalk today. It is complete bar the Ashdale steps. We discussed the Grant application situation. We are currently awaiting news from the Postcode lottery by 13/9 whether we are through to stage 2. That news will influence what we apply for from the North Ayrshire venture trust. Nick currently revising that grant application. Jo has received the electronic devices to allow Jo and Nick to pay monies. Action- Nick to contact the bank to set his device up.</p> <p>Allotments- Jo has spoken with Helen Ross re draft leases. Helen raised a couple of queries. We discussed these and where necessary agreed to amend the draft.</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>NB</p> <p>NB</p>

<p>Action- Rob to amend and reissue. We noted that Jo had still not received the necessary contact details.</p> <p>Autumn open day- We agreed that we should hold an open day on the 28th of September. Jill and Jo happy to take a lead on this. We need to have a few things happening for all ages. Trustees to check Darrens availability and send in ideas to Rob for circulation. Initial ideas included bush craft, food, vegetables for sale etc. Actions- All</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Rural Payments/Integrated Plan- Alex had been due to meet Nick/Rob this morning but ferry problems meant this is delayed to 19th of September. Nick has received a message from rural payments asking for a few sentences to support the provision of specialist reports re biodiversity, landscape management and farm efficiency. Trustees would prefer to have further discussion with Alex before we decide on which specialist reports we want. For example the woodland report may be more useful to us than farm efficiency. Action- Nick/Rob to raise on 19/9.</p> <p>Traditional crafts- Nick referred to discussions between members of the garden club and Lynn Ross-Gray re the possibility of supporting a traditional dye garden. It would need to be maintained by persons interested in traditional dyes. We agreed that this would be a suitable matter to explore further and we agreed that if supported by the craft community, to make an allotment sized space available. Action- Nick to continue discussions with interested parties and report back.</p> <p>AGM- We hope to arrange the next agm for the week beginning</p>	<p>RC/NB</p> <p>NB</p>

	<p>11/11, dependant on hall availability. We need to cover what we promised, what we did with smaller income, volunteers and planning for future. We are concerned about the voluntary nature of membership fees in the constitution makes it difficult to know who is a current active member. We also noted the hoops necessary to change the constitution.</p> <p>Looking to a future work-load in the light of this years' experience we discussed the significant impact of effectively being two trustees short both in terms of a range of views being limited to 4 at meetings as well as the sharing of agreed tasks between meetings. Furthermore we have a clear responsibility made clear in section 62.6 of the constitution to adhere to its guidance regarding such matters. In light of this Nick will write to the two trustees and suggest that from a pragmatic standpoint and with the best interests of the charity in mind they stand down in order that trustees with regular available time can be sought. Action- Nick to write to all trustees Given the regular absence of two trustees we agreed to approach suitable persons to see if there may be other interest. Action-All AOCB- We noted the completion of boardwalk and cutting a passage through gorse for horses as items for volunteers in coming weeks. Jo passed Rob the agricultural census form to complete.</p> <p>Next meeting- Thursday 3rd of October- Robs house at 16.30.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>All</p> <p>NB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RC</p>
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