

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**January 13th 2021 at 4:30pm**  
**By 'Zoom'**

**Present-** Trustees: Jim Park, Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin. Invitee: Alex Pirie of Scottish Agriculture Consultants. (SAC).

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 09/December proposed by JP and seconded by JW	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 9/Dec/2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track Repair. Ability to interact with contractors complicated by COVID but hope have a quote for the installation of a concrete sheet where the track meets Golf Course Road by next time.</li> <li>Letter to allotment holders re general tidiness, rubbish, old carpets etc. and keeping within allotment limits outstanding.</li> <li>List of potential new allotment holders still required for the currently vacant 1 plus ½ allotments</li> <li>Kilmory Bus now off road until April; review possibility if school trips then.</li> <li>Nick liaising with Murray B re a day spent with his machinery on the land to progress a number of tasks including waders scrape</li> <li>Rob to confirm exact payment profile for NFU insurance</li> </ul>	JP  NB  RC  JG  NB  RC
3.	<b>Financial Update and Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £11,899</li> <li>No significant spending in the last month.</li> <li>'Locality Partnership' worth up to £1000 is now open with a deadline of end Jan. Rob will submit a grant to request the building of a bird hide with sight of planned wader-scape.</li> <li>Still waiting on 'lawyers letter' to present for Rural payments.</li> </ul>	RC  NB
4.	<b>Agricultural/environmental planning and related grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex outlined state of play regarding potential government grants that he expects to happen soon, how this impacts Arran and specifically ACLI</li> <li>He is working with c16 other land holders on the Island and made clear that applications are looked upon more favourably when geographically related applications adopt a 'joined up' approach. AP is working with all Island applicants and will therefore make sure this is 'baked in'.</li> <li>Grants for various environmental improvements managed</li> </ul>	

	<p>by Nature Scotland (formerly SNH) and Scot Government will be open from end Jan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any grants awarded will be for 5 years with annual payments and therefore represent a firm two way commitment and contract. Trustees therefore made clear that we should only take on what we could realistically deliver/manage.</li> <li>Fencing options are limited to &lt;25% of overall spend. River crossings and pathways/access improvement might be fundable in part.</li> <li>AP committed to providing a digitised 'base map' on which we could classify our land on a field by field basis and decide priorities eg: wetland management, wild bird seed cover crop, scrubland control etc</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Management of Horticultural Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New lockdown restrictions severely limit what volunteer groups can undertake together. However individuals or people from same household can undertake specific tasks. A list/inventory on what needs done over winter and a record of who has done what would be helpful</li> <li>In light of this sessions led by Darren would need to be curtailed for the time being. There may be some specific tasks that he might need to undertake. However Nick will call him again to understand if there is a need to change our current payment arrangement with him comprising a standard £657 month spread across winter and spring; with actual hours worked being recorded in order that 'paid forward' time is recouped by ACLI in the busier spring/early summer period.</li> <li>We also need to balance this against grant/funding draw-down timing requirements; half the designated funding is for work until June 2021 but the other half coming from our own reserves, has no such time stipulation.</li> </ul>	<p>NB</p> <p>JG/NB/RC</p>
5.	<p><b>Veg Box Provision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick and Rob recently had a call with Caroline McGinlay to review 'lessons learnt' from the distribution of veg boxes via her in her social services capacity.</li> <li>The main purpose of the horticultural work undertaken is for the benefit of those taking part; distribution of boxes, which will never number more than 10, is not the prime aim</li> <li>However we may continue to do this next year in which case we would require to establish a direct line of communication with recipients and their designated social</li> </ul>	

	worker.	
8.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim will advise on design of new water supply system</li> <li>Crofters Larder would like to talk with us about respective plans for next year; Rob to organise a ZOOM call</li> </ul>	JP RC

Next meeting Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm by ZOOM

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**February 10th 2021 at 4:30pm**  
**By 'Zoom'**

**Present-** Trustees: Jim Park, Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin.

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 13/Jan/21 proposed by JW and seconded by JG	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 13/Jan/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track Repair. Ability to interact with contractors complicated by COVID but hope have a quote for the installation of a concrete sheet where the track meets Golf Course Road by next time.</li> <li>Letter to allotment holders re general tidiness, rubbish, old carpets etc. and keeping within allotment limits outstanding. Postponed.</li> <li>List of potential new allotment holders required for the currently vacant 1 plus ½ allotments-done. Rob to arrange introductions.</li> <li>Nick liaising with Murray B re a day spent with his machinery on the land to progress a number of tasks including waders scrape. First pass done.</li> <li>Rob to confirm exact payment profile for NFU insurance-done</li> </ul>	JP NB RC
3.	<b>Financial Update and Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £11,094</li> <li>No significant spending in the last month.</li> <li>'Locality Partnership' bid for a bird watching hide for £1000 submitted; expect feedback on progression to the 'voting stage' in Feb</li> <li>Waiting on 'lawyers letter' to present for Rural payments.</li> <li>Nick currently working up an application to Foyles Foundation for c£5000-decision lead time is 4 months</li> </ul>	RC NB NB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob currently looking at a SCVO Covid recovery grant</li> </ul>	RC
4.	<b>Rural payments/environmental applications and mapping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob has constructed an ACLI Land base map from a recent Google Earth image which includes property boundaries, fields, field numbers, tracks and paths. The Google Earth image gives a good rendition of the vegetation cover and provides a basis for all to understand the current vegetation cover as well as linear features (fields, tracks etc).</li> <li>• Google Earth provides ability to include photos etc. Rob will attempt a field inventory to include acreage and vegetation cover with photos.</li> <li>• We are still working to provide a 'comfort' letter from our solicitors to facilitate the basic land management grant of around £2500/annum</li> <li>• In addition there is scope to undertake a variety of upkeep and conservation measures detailed at <a href="http://targeting.ruralpayments.org">http://targeting.ruralpayments.org</a> (enter search code 274/0005)</li> <li>• Deadline for submission is May and there is therefore scope to decide on what basis we can evaluate our priorities before choosing and submitting application(s)</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Volunteer arrangements and work programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown restrictions limit any formal volunteer sessions. Some people have been undertaking two person tasks eg- Nick and Nigel tidying the vegetation at side of main access track; Rob and Nanette clearing paths</li> <li>• We agreed to put up nothing on social media until such times as restrictions are eased.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy has requested the purchase of seed compost-agreed</li> <li>• A mink has wiped out Jim's poultry; we agreed that he replace these.</li> <li>• Dog poo bag bins require some research. Rob to contact council</li> <li>• Social work has a new individual who would like to come and do a session with us. Nick will organise</li> <li>• Nick has drafted a newsletter-Rob to circulate for comments before e-mailing to ACLI members</li> <li>• Alan Mariott-our neighbour-has sent a letter reminding us that he owns the border beyond (ie North) of our main access track and as such requests that any vegetation trimming is restricted to 'our' side of the track margin.</li> </ul>	RC  NB  RC

Next meeting Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm by ZOOM

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**March 10th 2021 at 4:30pm**  
**By 'Zoom'**

**Present-** Trustees: Jim Park, Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson; Apologies: Jo Godwin; Guests: Alex Pirie of SAC and Darren Townsend of Green Futures

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 10/Feb/21 proposed by JW and seconded by JP	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 13/Jan/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track Repair. Ability to interact with contractors complicated by COVID but hope have a quote for the installation of a concrete sheet where the track meets Golf Course Road by next time.</li> <li>Letter to allotment holders re general tidiness, rubbish, old carpets etc. and keeping within allotment limits outstanding. Postponed.</li> <li>List of potential new allotment holders required for the currently vacant 1 plus ½ allotments-done. Half allotment now allocated; Rob to advertise remaining plot as 2 halves on FB</li> <li>Nick has submitted a Foyles application-expect feedback in Jun/Jul</li> <li>Rob submission to Locality Partnership for c£1000 to build a bird hide successful.</li> <li>Review additional grant options (including SCVO recovery grants)</li> </ul>	<p>JP</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p>
3.	<b>Rural payments and related administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monies payable by Rural Payments are typically made to a 'named farmer' in absence of which we must nominate a trustee as the prime 'land manager'; this can be done under clause 96 of our constitution with parameters/constraints defined under clause 97. We agreed to nominate Nick as our chair with paperwork and wording to be organised by our secretary (Rob)</li> <li>Alex Pirie talked through the range of potential grants that we could potentially apply for in addition to the 'Basic Payment'. The Scottish Government is very keen on the concept of land having 'natural capital value' and we should therefore looking at funds including: Species Rich Grassland, Managing Scrub, Public Access; Deadline for the Basic Payment is Mid May with all others 30<sup>th</sup> June. Alex will forward the appropriate paperwork with his suggestions to Nick and Rob for our input.</li> </ul>	<p>RC</p> <p>NB</p>

4.	<b>Greenfutures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darren believes he is close to agreement with Jobcentre for candidates to be eligible for Government 'Kick Start' programme which would allow him to bring groups to ACLI land to undertake pre-agreed tasks.</li> <li>We are happy for our recent visitor-Ross to continue working with Darren for up to 6 weeks</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Volunteer arrangements and work programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are in process of digesting latest directives from Edinburgh and need to be clear on these before organising/advertising anything.</li> <li>Contact Elana at Crofters to establish her interest in some outdoor 'team building' to assist DT through the planting season</li> </ul>	RC
6.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darren and digger required to attend to some drainage clearance</li> <li>Lorna would like to move to field 11 in order to rest field 1; Jim to investigate roller procurement</li> <li>We would like to find a new trustee with land related knowledge</li> </ul>	

Next meeting Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm by ZOOM

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**April 14th 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
**By 'Zoom'**

**Present-** Trustees: Jim Park, Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson; Jo Godwin; Guests: Darren Townsend of Green Futures

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 10/Mar and 17/Mar 21 proposed by JW and seconded by NB	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 10/Mar/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to allotment holders re general tidiness, rubbish, old carpets etc. and keeping within allotment limits outstanding. Done</li> <li>List of potential new allotment holders required for the currently vacant 1 plus ½ allotments-done. Half allotment now allocated; Christina (allotment 7b) has asked to take over allotment 8 and having started planting items in 7b has asked if she can wait until the autumn to relinquish 7b; no other individuals currently on waiting list so this was agreed. Rob to arrange despatch of new allotment</li> </ul>	

	<p>agreement of plot 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review additional grant options (including SCVO recovery grants)</li> </ul>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p>
3.	<p><b>Finance/Grant Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £10,190 (this includes recently received £996 for bird hide)</li> <li>Some discussion about way to present accounts over the last year and agreed that a thematic approach with divisions along the following lines: access, drainage, fencing, schools, volunteering and misc. equipment would be appropriate.</li> <li>We expect an initial payment for £600 from Rural Payments by December; expectation when letter from lawyer is provided there could be an additional £2500/year.</li> <li>RC to chase the letter from lawyer</li> </ul>	<p>RC</p>
4.	<p><b>Environmental application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funding options available from Rural Payments include: Species Rich Grassland (potentially fields 16/9/10), Managing Scrub (potentially fields 12/13), Public Access (being worked up by Rob and Malcolm); Deadline for the Basic Payment is Mid May with all others 30<sup>th</sup> June. Alex /Nick/ Rob to meet and discuss options. All trustees to discuss while walking land at our next trustee meeting</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Green Futures Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with a short list of 6; being interviewed.</li> <li>Signed up with Argyll college and working with Job Centre</li> <li>Recent H&amp;S inspection threw up a few things to consider- Darren will forward these to Nick</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Discussion with neighbour Mandy Hunter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jill and Rob recently met with our neighbours to talk through a few items including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The possibility of purchasing a plot of land to turn into a vegetable garden immediately beside the property;</li> <li>Undertaking some earth works (digger hire etc) to upgrade their own water supply;</li> <li>Also to rework the works recently done by Murray B to address the current seepage down the track.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We discussed these questions and unanimously agreed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a matter of policy, we do not sell portions of ACLI land.</li> <li>However we are always happy to accommodate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>ideas for land usage and in the event that MH wished to establish a vegetable garden we would be pleased to look at the possibility of something along the lines of our existing allotment lease (remembering that allotment leases and membership of ACLI do require that holders/members live on Arran)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Given agreement with the contractor that we used to commence the existing works, we want the work done thus far to 'bed down' over the course of the summer and we will review potential next steps under our own auspices later in the year.</li> <li>○ MH free to undertake reasonable remedial work to water supply at own expense and that the landscape is left as found.</li> </ul> <p>• ACTION: Secretary to write and advise neighbours</p>	RC
7.	<p><b>Horticultural produce and its disposal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We agreed that we cannot replicate what was done last year through the exceptional circumstances around the successive COVID lockdowns. However we would encourage volunteers to continue at open to all gardening sessions on Thursday mornings (supervised by Darren). Volunteers can/will have the opportunity to take produce. We will invite Ealana of Crofters to send staff and consider what her requirement might be during the year. Otherwise open to suggestions.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been asked if we might allow the placing of a commemorative bench-4ft teak with inscription. All in agreement with location in vicinity of top of field 8 with commanding views of Clyde Estuary. Secretary to advise and coordinate</li> <li>• Whiting Bay school event requested on May 10<sup>th</sup>; Darren unlikely to be able to attend on a Monday.</li> </ul>	RC

Next meeting Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Hub-polytunnel

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting  
May 12th 2021 at 5:00 pm  
ACLI 'hub'**

**Present-** Trustees: Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson; Jo Godwin; Guests: Darren Townsend of Green Futures; Apologies Jim Park

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
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	Previous minutes from 14/April proposed by JW and seconded by NB	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 13/Apr/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christina (allotment 7b) had asked to take over allotment 8 and having started planting items in 7b has asked if she can wait until the autumn to relinquish 7b. She has since asked if her partner Pablo could take over 7B: trustees agreed that this was not possible as we want to spread the availability of the allotments and we do have others on waiting list. Advise Cris/Pablo by letter</li> </ul>	RC/NB
3.	<b>Finance/Grant Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £9,626 (this includes recently received £996 for bird hide)</li> <li>We have been advised by Foyles Trust of a grant of £4000 which can be used to firm up our ability to maintain revenue from horse field rental. Given condition of many horse field fences then a significant portion of the monies will be spent on this. Action: NB to discuss work schedule with Bert Ramage.</li> <li>Jo would like to look at changing banks to one more local, able to accept cash and more user-friendly customer IT interface. All agreed that she should look at options and advise in due course.</li> </ul>	NB  JG
4.	<b>Environmental applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustees walked the land to discuss and agree the following in terms of options with Rural Payments: Species Rich Grassland (fields 9,10&amp;14; field 16 ruled out due to presence of wader scrapes), Managing Scrub (fields 12/13), Public Access (route as proposed by Rob and Malcolm); Deadline for the Basic Payment is Mid May with all others 30<sup>th</sup> June. Alex /Nick/ Rob to meet and discuss options.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Green Futures Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darren is experiencing some difficulty with recruitment.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have been approached by an 'Arran Wellbeing' Group with a view to using some of our facilities for dementia friendly sessions. Nick and Rob will liase and report back next time.</li> </ul>	

Next meeting Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Hub-polytunnel

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**June 16th 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
**ACLI 'hub'**

**Present-** Trustees: Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin & Jim Park Guests: Darren Townsend of Green Futures

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 12/May proposed by JW and seconded by JP	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 12/May/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed; no additional comments</li> </ul>	
	<b>Finance/Grant Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £12,629 which includes recently received Foyles Trust grant of £4000 for upgrade to horse rental fields/fences.</li> <li>Bert R has started fencing work and we have purchased fencing materials. The work commenced includes the fence that parallels Benview's access track and RC has agreed to contribute half of the cost of this section which Bert quoted as £1000.</li> <li>Rob is investigating options with SCVO</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Green Futures Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darren is continuing to experience difficulty with recruitment which he does not expect to be resolved in the near term.</li> <li>We did discuss how many days were left to contract Darren as part of the Foundation Scotland 'Gardening Club' Club; Rob and Nick agreed to check this asap</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>New PVG Protocol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New legislation requires that we now register directly with Disclosure Scotland rather than via ACVS who have acted as an intermediary until now. Rob attended an information event (ZOOM) last week and therefore became the prime contact person for ACLI by default (this had previously been Caroline McGinlay). The whole mechanism is designed to protect vulnerable individuals (children, protected adults etc) when in one on one situations in events being run by ACLI. The process requires providing a list of our candidates online. We need to decide who should be on our list.</li> </ul>	

5.	<b>Arran Wellbeing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have now met representatives from Arran Wellbeing on more than one occasion. Although the possibility of looking at large grants to undertake significant facility upgrades was discussed the trustees agreed that the appropriate way to work together was for small groups, supervised by Darren, using our existing facilities as 'test pilots' and drawing appropriate conclusions. This is consistent with what has already been communicated to Arran Wellbeing</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Rural Payments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick has been liaising with Alex P about our applications and asked that Rob confirm the designated areas on our map with Alex</li> <li>Also are we now registered with Rural Payments-check.</li> <li>We are approved for 3.6 hectares worth of payments with possibility of further hectares dependant on Alex taking pictures and advocating on our behalf.</li> </ul>	RC RC
7.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire extinguishers. Check that the types needed are water and powder (Rob) and then Jo will procure them.</li> <li>Jim volunteered to find out costs of mesh to go onto track entrances (acting as a gravel binder).</li> <li>Open days? Severely limited due to covid and therefore most of the activities done in previous years no possible.</li> <li>Allotment meeting-September TBC</li> <li>AGM-November TBC</li> </ul>	RC/JG JP

Next meeting Wednesday July14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Hub

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**August 4th 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
**ACLI 'hub'**

**Present-** Trustees: Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin & Jim Park (Note the last meeting was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>)

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 16/June proposed by JW and seconded by JP	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 16/June/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New PVG protocol and registration required</li> <li>Procurement of fire extinguishers (one water and one powder and how to maintain these)</li> <li>Gardening club and volunteer days-put on FB</li> <li>Review SCVO grant options after present grant submissions</li> </ul>	RC JG RC

	have been made	RC
	<b>Finance/Grant Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £11,789 which includes recently received; annual accounts have been passed to Pauline for auditing</li> <li>Nick has been working on a Ecclesiastical Trust Grant to value of £10k to progress a number of lad management tasks including fencing, ditch repair, scrub removal etc.; deadline for submission is this week.</li> <li>Rob has been working on a Phase II Covid recovery grant from CORRA in partnership with ACVS; we have made it through the 'EOI' phase and now need to submit a full application by August 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be to value of c£23k for funds to complete an all weather track across land to Glenashdale Ford</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Rural Payments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick is continuing to work with Alex Pirie of SAC on a variety of award options including: meadows, management of scrub, tracks and potentially wader scrape fencing (Nature Scot)</li> <li>There may also be a £1000 mentor grant available/ Action Rob to contact Aliaster MacKenzie</li> </ul>	NB  RC
4.	<b>Horticultural Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We now have an increasing amount of harvestable crops which are ripe for picking and usage. We agreed two approaches for distribution:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crofters to pick and use for their food business; invoicable. Elana and team expected on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>ACLI members invited to come, pick and make a contribution to the honesty box. ACTION: Rob to circulate an email to members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RC
5.	<b>Activities in August/September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the lifting of COVID restrictions expected on August 9<sup>th</sup> we openly invite people to events such as the Thursday morning gardening club</li> <li>We should also have an allotment holders meeting around 'lessons learned'- potentially on afternoon of Sat 11<sup>th</sup>. This will cover off allotment specific issues in anticipation of ACLI AGM in November</li> </ul>	

6.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horses currently in field 1 MUST be moved by end of week to allow this field to recover. Jill to advise horse owners</li> <li>Jim has has a cost of mesh to stabilise the entrance to middle track; a digger will be required to undertake the work and we agreed to contact J Kelso</li> <li>We have had an enquiry re spurious rumour about the use of glyphosphate for which we have no plans to use. Rob to draft a letter for Nick to send</li> <li>Additional trustee. Ideally someone who is actively teaching science or with a ranger background.</li> </ul>	JW  JP RC/JP  RC  RC/NB
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Next meeting Wednesday September 1st at 5:00pm at Hub

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**September 1st 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
**ACLI 'hub'**

**Present-** Trustees: Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin & Jim Park

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 4/August proposed by JW and seconded by JP	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 4/August/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New PVG protocol and registration required-ongoing</li> <li>Procurement of fire extinguishers (one water and one powder)</li> <li>Review SCVO grant options after present grant submissions have been made (see later discussion)</li> </ul>	RC  JG
	<b>Finance/Grant Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £12,349 which includes funds from a variety of sources. JG will split these out and RC will construct a 'grant status' update s/sheet</li> <li>Nick has submitted an Ecclesiastical Trust Grant to value of £10k to progress a number of land management tasks including fencing, ditch repair, scrub removal etc.; decision making timeframe unclear/</li> <li>The Phase II Covid recovery grant from CORRA in partnership with ACVS to complete an all weather path from hub to Glenashdale Ford was successful. We have been awarded £24,700 to include path construction and youth work experience. Deadline for spend is end March 2022. Rob will work with Malcolm Whitmore (Trustee of Arran Access Trust) to draw up a detailed spec and put out for a</li> </ul>	JG/RC



6.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim has a cost of mesh to stabilise the entrance to middle track; a digger will be required to undertake the work and we agreed to contact J Kelso and organise purchase of the mesh</li> <li>Additional assistance. Rob has been in contact with Craig Barr from the High School who is keen to talk with us. Also Jane McBeth would be the point of contact for potential work experience candidates.</li> </ul>	JP/RC/JG  RC
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Next meeting Wednesday October 6th at 5:00pm; location to be decided.

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting**  
**October 6th 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
**ACLI 'hub'**

**Present-** Trustees: Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Jill Wilkinson, Jo Godwin & Jim Park

1.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Previous minutes from 1/September proposed by JG and seconded by JP	
2.	<b>Outstanding actions/Matters arising from 1/September/2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New PVG protocol registration requirement-on-going; NB, RC &amp; JP to be included in first instance as drivers; others to be added as required</li> <li>Mid track junction with Golf Course Road. J Kelso has been unwell but Jim will engage as a matter of priority; expectation is that required matting and gravel would be easy to acquire.</li> </ul>	RC  JP
3.	<b>Finance/Grant Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance is £23,697 which include recent addition of £12,350 which is 50% of CORRA Community Recovery Programme Fund for path/access project</li> <li>No news of Ecclesiastical Trust Grant (£10k) for land management tasks (fencing, ditch repair, scrub removal etc.</li> <li>Allotment lease renewal at end of month-Rob will send out a reminder to all allotment holders.</li> <li>£1000 mentor grant available we have found a suitably qualified individual with extensive farm and land management experience –A MacKenzie who is prepared to undertake this role. Alex Pirrie is organising the paperwork. We will need to draw up a to do specification</li> </ul>	RC  NB/RC

4.	<b>High School Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig Barr (Geography teacher at Lamlash High School) has provided a comprehensive outline of educational/outdoor activities which relate to Academic 'Curriculum for Excellence' science topics as well as John Muir Trust and DoE related activities. Craig not able to attend this evening as he is on holiday however given the range of options some detailed planning is required. ACTION: Nick and Rob to meet Craig before next trustee meeting.</li> </ul>	RC/NB
5.	<b>Footpath Project Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Path route now marked by posts and cleared of vegetation in anticipation of tenders</li> <li>Malcolm has produced a map and outline tender document. Rob and Malcolm met Hamish MacNeil to review feasibility of opening onsite quarry as source of material to form path foundation. This will be included in the tender documents.</li> <li>We need to work up ancillary activities: fencing, mapping, signage etc. and involvement of community</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Community Garden</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We recognise the need to ideally identify a core group of community gardeners with a designated co-ordinator</li> <li>The involvement of a commercial outlet for surplus produce has been and is expected to continue to be valuable. There is a question about a commercial organisations on-going ability to commit to running their own patch and precisely where this might be</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>AGM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> proposed-check with WB Hall; members only-publish by email. In the interim publish an article in Arran Voice and construct a members quarterly newsletter</li> </ul>	NB/RC
8.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have been contacted by Eleanor McNamara re construction of an orienteering course. Unanimous agreement on supporting this-engage with Eleanor re specifics and ask her to come to next trustee meeting</li> <li>Memorial Bench is close to completion. We will have Darren assist on its installation (include concrete slab base etc.) on his next Saturday open day at start of November</li> </ul>	

Next meeting Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00pm at Benview





