**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**5th March 2015**

**Those present**: Ilanora Sharp / Iain Houston / Tracy Cameron / Richard McCulloch / Scott Fletcher / Seonaid Macleod / Becky Dacre

**Apologies**: Pauline King

**Directors business:**

**Annual Fireworks** – decided to offer other community groups opportunity to organise fireworks. Money came from Salen Community Company originally and thought best if ACC continue to keep hold of purse strings. Decided not hand over whole event but to ask for help organising it. Advert to be placed in the De Tha Dol?

**Re-use** **Project** – IH handed out sheets showing progress with new ideas. BD to do press release about van unveiling for De Tha Dol? BD to purchase items needed for shed (straps/padlock/cloths/hi-viz vests). Suggestion made to park van in villages regularly thought a possibility. Acharacle Primary school children are creating a new logo for the shed which they are to do in next 2 weeks. Decided that volunteers should judge the children’s logos. Formally arranged Jimmy Gillies to be a driver. IS to ask volunteer drivers to bring in driving licences. BD to buy flasks and lockable cupboard for shed to store van things etc.

**Seonaid’s report**

Lunch bunch quiz again at Dal Mhor. Fiona Ogg does questions for the quiz. Acharacle Primary School children entertained lunch bunch for Burns lunch. Armchair film club going well. Another film to be shown in March. Bingo went well in January. SM organising a Spring Event at the centre – This will be Saturday 18th April (11-2). AWG may want to come and help. TC to ask firemen and first responders. Batik classes were enjoyed (UHI funding used for this). Funding will be used for willow sculpture event and then that is all for ‘14-15. SM has put lists out for courses for next year (from April). Requests have been received for tech nights. Amateur dramatics have organised a meeting for 14th March. Rosemary Gillespie has started a singing group at the centre which is proving popular. The large box in the office has still not been removed despite repeated requests – SM continuing to trying to sort. No response from John Barrie even though Liz Featherstone is now involved. Damp smell still apparent even after Stevie’s work in the toilet. So he is going to do work from dining room. A letter box has been installed in the front door and I extra vent in the cupboard in kitchen. Centre water runs cold when kitchen is in use. Charlie Maclean has set it for longer hours to see if this helps. Volunteer lunch enjoyed by all. Next steering group meeting is 17th March.

SM left the meeting.

Adam Hough arrived.

**PO repairs**

RM reported that line marking machines are £2-300 plus paint. He thinks it would be better to get a contractor in to do markings when work on the bungalow has finished. Agreed.

TC explained that Kenneth has talked to John and Andrew Cameron and they are in talks with rural housing trust about selling the plot (between Navarra and PO) for low cost housing and there may be space for some staff parking at the rear. This will not happen for some time. TC also related that Kenneth said it is not worth building up the ground at the end of the existing parking spaces (too much cost for little gain).

No progress with survey of PO building. TC to chase Kenneth up.

SF outlined problems with boiler over the last few weeks. IH has been in touch with energy savings trust ( about new heating system for PO) and he is to pass on info to SF as he is going on holiday.

Back door of sorting office still not fixed but Stevie has parts and will work on it asap.

Problem with ACC business being discussed over the PO counter. Decided to say that the PO ladies can drop us an email rather than discuss in shop.

**Bungalow**

Bonfires an issue but now stopped. New roof is on and good progress is being made.

**Café**

TC told Heather about not putting extractor hood into tearoom kitchen. Charlie Maclean to replace fan and sort out problem with sockets.

**Bank balances**

Main – 3571.16

Project – 7592.96

Centre – 65321.71

**AOB**

IH asked BD for split of figures from re-use to show expenditure against income.

BD asked IH for invoice for van.

New website – BD asked for photos for website.

Sign – nearly ordered. Put new logo on.

Sign for PO – TC to pass on details of last sign and BD to do new one.

Purchase of land at Sgoil na Coille – Raymond Mundy (of FC) to contact SF about valuation. SF has plan of area – to forward to all. To produce a business plan after feasibility study and then ballot local community.

Easter event – IS to ask Eilidh Ann what’s happening. 1.30-3.30 Saturday 4th April. Poster?

Trailer + chipper – to put back in shed at compost site and insure. Trailer for BD to keep and use.

Decided not a good year to organise a dance as lots happening already.

RM handed in his resignation as director as he is moving to Sydney. All thanked him for his hard and conscientious work and although sorry to see him go, hoped he would enjoy his new life. Arranged a leaving do at the Loch Shiel Hotel.

Adam – suggested that shed key could go with the van keys. Also van only has one remote key. IH to ask company if possible to get another one. IH to ask Robert if his key can go with van key.

Gutters on the shed – Fiona is responsible for upkeep of shed.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of next meeting: April 2nd