**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**14thJanuary 2016**

**Those present**: Iain Houston / Adam Hough / Seonaid Macleod / Scott Fletcher / Ilanora Sharp/ Becky Dacre

**Apologies**: Tracy Cameron / Pauline King

**Directors business:**

Complaint about drivers of reuse van – IH to do letter. AH said Andrew Colville may be interested in driving van. AH to speak to him.

Van insurance – BD struggling to insure van but it is in hand.

IH/IS met Helen MacGillivray from VAL who may be able to help ACC. She is to report back. Helen has useful info about grants. She advised ACC to join Community Woodlands Association. Discussion about use of centre and other buildings / Shielbridge Hall / church / PO (query about whether sorting office is included in PO relocation? / 3 months notice according to David Burgess as he is talking about taking on PO. IH to talk to Cathy)

IS has contacted Abriachan Woodland Trust. Community buyout in 1998. Spoke to Jim Barr and Suzanne Barr for future visit.

**Treasurer’s report:**  Bank balances as at Dec 31st 2015: Main account: £3644.17

Project account: £10,691.40

Centre account: £71,223.16

**Seonaid’s Report**

Seonaid showed room rental summary to directors detailing amount from each room over last year.

Monthly quiz is continuing. Fergie and Morvern entertained at Christmas **-** enjoyed by all.

Café – v quiet on Monday.

Church group using building on Monday and may come to café.

Films still being shown.

Burns lunch – Rosemary to do entertaining at it possibly – Graham Buchanan to play pipes. 22nd

Friday 29th at 7pm whist league is starting (other dates are 19th Feb / March). To advertise in De Tha Dol.

Heather Downie has list of people who want to do art group. SM to help her to contact all interested.

Stevie has done letterbox in office door.

Stevie has also trimmed shed door so key now works. Also cleaned downpipes and gutters.

Charlie has removed the fuse out of the service point socket. Replaced lights and bulbs.

Seumas Macleod (Highland Council maintenance officer) looked over building on Monday.

Fri 29th steering group meeting to be held. Also Batik course organised with Anne Dye.

IH pointed out that Steering group is mainly lunch bunch attendees.

Discussion about future of building and way forward. Possibly organise an event in the centre to invite all movers and shakers to get their interest. March?

IS – also contacted Mull and Iona Community Trust - possible visit with SM too.

Last minutes approved – IS proposed / IH seconded. AH queried who complained about drivers. A volunteer complained.

**PO –** PK to get prices for heating. Lochaber buy and sell to use for selling hopper and boiler – SF to do. BD to ask TC if any progress made on selling locally.

**Sgoil –** contact Glengarry woodland for a visit or talk by person who instigated it (Grace).

BD to talk to people about doing workshops. Work day to repair roof in Feb – IH / AH.

**Future of centre –** already discussed. Contact with key stakeholders. IS / IH / SF to meet up to discuss. 25thJan. 11am

**Community noticeboard -**  TC not at meeting so unsure of progress.

**Reuse** – pass it on day. BD suggested an upcycling/reuse event at the centre. Possibly 19th March.

AH mentioned the community ground /pitch at back of MacNaughton Crescent and could it be turned into a community garden / reuse / play area. To take to Community Council meeting.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting: 11th Feb