**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**14th April 2016**

**Those present**: Pauline King / Iain Houston / Ilanora Sharp/ Becky Dacre / Lesley MacMaster

**Apologies**: Adam Hough/ Scott Fletcher

**Directors business:**

There has been interest from a local person wanting to rent an office at the centre. IS to ask Lesley to ask the interested person to come to the centre. **ACTION: IS**

Offer for cupboard in office from Kay. Price agreed £20. (extra for de-woodworming).

Discussion about possible reuse developments following trip after visit to MICT/MESS on Mull.

IS suggested way forward – 26th April strategy meeting 3.30pm centre (following meeting with Vic Mcneill/Marie Law).

**Lesley’s report**

Incident of person attending lunch club at centre brought to attention the need for emergency contacts for groups. LM has asked all groups to make sure they have contact details for all their members. Groups are willingly sorting this.

First aid kits need upgrading. LM given go ahead to purchase what’s necessary. **ACTION: LM**

David Ogg and Joanne Matheson arrived (members).

LM reported that Helen Macgillivray wondered if ACC would manage a transport fund if Helen set one up (for Acharacle area). JM said it may be worth talking to APS as they are trying to sort out how much is spent on transport and looking for alternatives. To arrange a meeting with Helen to learn what is required. DO suggested a sub group to manage fund under ACC banner (Alex Reis representing APS / and someone for Feis committee etc). **ACTION: LM**

Discussed offer for cupboard with LM. JM said ACC need to be aware that items if priced need to be up to certain standards. Not the case with donations.

Community Café – signs at road end not good. Redo signs / feather signs / advertise wi-fi / on same signs. Café to continue but review if numbers drop and stop then. **ACTION: BD**

Recruitment – problem with lack of directors. Need to recruit. The matter was discussed and concluded that the best way to recruit is by word of mouth. IH to write to AHS to ask if young people would be interested. **ACTION: IH**

**Woodland Fun Day**

Running details discussed. Need to order 60 burgers. Rab and Laura to do barbecue. Alison/Tracy to do bag drops possibly – at APS. Strontian bag drop Pamela Hill. **ACTION: BD**

**Mull Study Visit**

IH explained to members about visit to Mull. Action on this decided to be having a strategy meeting. 26 April. 3.30pm at the centre.

JM suggested doing a dump run a certain route each month and collect money for it. Thought to be a good idea and will be discussed at strategy meeting.

**Sgoil –** no movement on land ownership.

Repair issues in time for wedding April 29th discussed. IH to sort handrail.

BD to sort table. **ACTION: IH/BD**

**Centre future meeting** IH suggested that a small presentation should be put together for this mtg. BD to confirm time with Vic on Monday. **ACTION: directors/BD**

**PO repairs** – BD to ask Stevie for price and to do work at front and rear of roof. Tell Alistair the price. Flat roof – PK has asked Susan MacDonald to draw up plans. She will chase her up.

**Car Parking** – Agreed to go ahead and mark out spaces. IH to look for paint suitable for line marking. **ACTION: IH**

**AOB**

JM asked about latest news with regards to possible moving of the Post Office – IH explained the situation.

DO suggested that if there is nothing in the PO lease about parking then they cannot insist ACC does something. As far as all could recall there is nothing in the lease.

DO suggested to improve income stream for the centre – use a sliding scale of charges for groups i.e. more for those who have large attendance at meetings.

DO also suggested talking to Richard Stead (Shielbridge Hall Committee) as they are facing funding challenges too.

IS suggested working together – hall users / centre users / ATA

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Next meeting:** May 12th

Jan mins approved

Feb mins not approved as only IS present

**Po –** CM off with flu

To meet with Liz lunchtime Mon to discuss discount of rental for the shop. Directors cannot meet Mon so IH will get back to them to suggest new time/date.

Job at centre – discussion about change of job description.

**Seonaid’s report**

Quiz 11th March

Café – SM asked if it should continue in April. Heather Downie has offered to run café. PK to ask her if she can do Mondays in April. Increase her hours to 20 hrs to cover Mondays.

Armchair film club – Fri 18th

3 Whists final 18th March.

HD to start art group on Tuesday 15th 2.30 to 5.30

Batik workshop – only 3 but now up to 5. 12th March

Main door - electrician has spoken to Charlie and he is to call in and fix it.

Old oil from kitchen – Dunns in Strontian or John Whyte in Glenfinnan. SM to ask

Steering group meeting – 4th March. SM asked if a director can be present. Prob not this month but from April onwards.

19th March car boot sale / make and mend.

Need to sort out get together for SM leaving. Loch Shiel Hotel April 1st 7-7.30pm.

IS/IH asked if SM can pull together a report about centre in the last 2 years. PK asked if she could get lunch club numbers over the past 2 years.

6 IH thanked Tracy in her absence for doing a sterling job for the ACC. BD to retire her from Companies House records. 22.2.16 date of resignation.

10 centre future mtg. GET EMAIL TO VIC MACNEILL ABOUT TIME. Andrew Sinclair has said ACC can have a full page display about ACC if we want free of charge.

7 IS asked about doing art work for a display on the 19th. Val or Joanne upholstery bits and bobs.

8 Mull study visit. 5th April. Time to be arranged.

9 Repairs – some day soon. Malcolm Wield ready to discuss with group. BD to talk to Sam Firth about woodland purchase.

10 mtg organised.

12 Feather flags – new one approved.

11 Possible not to go ahead as expensive for us to fund totally. DO said Comm Council has limited resources. Need more estimates.

13 AOB

IH talked about ACCouncil wanting to get in touch with community better.

Need to talk to our members more. Maybe send out ‘news’ that goes to De tha Dol. Do ‘news’ for de tha dol too for March.

Mtg closed 9.09pm