**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**8th June 2017**

**Those present**: Marie MacDonald / Jimmy Gillies / Rodney George / Becky Dacre (mins)

**1 Apologies** Sharon Cameron

**5 Centre Report -**  Lesley not present so no report this month.

BD has spoken to SSE about getting cheaper overnight electricity at the centre who put her in touch with Resource Efficient Scotland. They will come and look at the whole building with a view to introduce measures to save resources/money.

**6 Tearoom**

All seems to be going well at the Tearoom. DJ & Carol Anne organising revision evenings.

Vent – BD has asked Stevie the Joiner to put in a vent at the back of the fridge room to improve air circulation as this was maybe not helping the equipment in there.

Fridges – DJ has purchased a new fridge and a new freezer. 5 years warranty included. ACC to pay for these as the original ones belonged to ACC.

Painting – Barry & Sue completed the painting at the back of PO building and the window frames/door at the side. BD asked if it was possible to show gratitude by giving them a voucher for a meal at the Tearoom. Directors agreed.

BD has been in touch with Andy Gow who will ring when he is in the area to look at repairs to the roof, including the extra canopy over the back door / removal of the flue and re-roof over. The directors mentioned that the broken part of roof should be paid for by Alistair at Strontian shop as the insurance was never used to claim for the damage.

DJ wants to put in some decking at the side of the car park with rails around the edges. The directors agreed that he could do this and BD to ask if DJ will also sort the non-grip surface in the tearoom entrance. The directors asked BD to make sure DJ checks the proposal out with the planning department first and that the insurance will cover the area.

**7 Electricity contracts -**  No further discussion on this

**8 De Tha Dol**

Newsletter is being produced this month, so no news to go into De tha Dol? this time. Produce market poster to be put in for next month.

**9 Centre Steering Group progress**

RG suggested using centre as a library (an extension of the mobile library). There may be grants for IT at the centre. BD said that DJ had organised a new fibre broadband service from BT. ACC still contract holder, but should be cheaper for tenant. Paperwork not yet received.

MM going to check phones etc in office while Lesley is off.

**10 wood school**

Contact with the Active schools co-ordinator (at the High School) was suggested for making use of the wood school.

Discussed various dates that Eilidh Ann Madden (highland Council Ranger) has said when she is doing events up at the wood school (and elsewhere). Chose Sept 9th to join her in a family event in the woodland and hopefully enlarge her original plans to make a woodland day. RG to follow this up.

**11 AOB**

Roy Cattle – Said ACC should go out to tender for contracts. He highlighted the grass cutting round the centre as an example. BD pointed out that only work over £2000 did need to be put out to tender, but that ACC does advertise work with varying degrees of response. Decided that ACC should aim to ensure it does happen more in the future.

Roy cattle – asked about grass cutting at the centre? He thought Highland Council would be responsible. Since ACC took over the centre in Dec 2012, the Council has never cut the grass round the car park or at the back of the building.

Roy cattle – brought to the attention of the directors that the phone box in the centre of the village is about to be removed by BT, unless it could be adopted by a constituted local group. Uses in other areas that have adopted phone boxes include displaying tourist info, selling cakes. Phone has been removed. Roy to take forward. Need to find out more about liabilities before any decision made.

Feis nan Garbh Chriochan have asked for a donation. Decided to ask Amie MacMaster (Feis co-ordinator) how much it would be to sponsor a tutor. BD to follow up.

A suggestion was made that we ask school children their ideas for use of the centre, to engage a younger generation.

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**NEXT MEETING: 13 July**