**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**8th October 2015**

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

**Apologies**: Adam Hough

**Directors business:**

**Treasurers report – Bank balances:** main acct: £3828.45

Project acct: £10692.36

Centre acct: £49872.28

PK concerned about centre account going down rapidly. Mainly due to cost of repairs. SM/PK/BD to look at re sending bill to HC for repairs costs to be reimbursed. Includes £670 for dining room. £2000 approximate total.

Discussion about viability of centre. PK reckons we could look after centre for another year after funding ceases. Need to talk to HC about future re maybe finding out through building maintenance who to talk to. PK suggested minuting at steering group meetings to show lunch club cannot be viable for future unless income improves.

SM arrived.

Seonaids report – Lunch bunch ok but no new people. Dal Mhor are to have Christmas party and invite folk from Acharacle. TC asked if we know the date, then she will hire AHS minibus and take participants. To discuss centre Christmas party at next meeting. Film club still ongoing. £475.40 raised at Macmillan cancer coffee morning. Delayed whist till after Christmas. Advert into De tha dol? to ask about regular art group starting / also sewing group. Service point has finished and handed back their keys. They are still supposed to be removing large box from office. Ewen’s Room have donated full size keyboard. Logic alarms attended to broken alarm and have left spare glass (on noticeboard in glass office). They fixed emergency light too. Logic Alarms phone no. is on alarm box. All Round Signs have put reuse signs onto van which look very good. Book of ferry tickets has been purchased.

SM asked if the work to repair the soffits can go ahead. IH said we need to get some money back from HC before we do more repairs. Need to get another estimate anyway as over £2000. SM/PK to get more quotes.

Next steering group meeting is on 23rd Oct.

Issue of Heathers dogs being in the centre – only brought into centre when car at Loch Shiel garage. Lunch club have asked SM to ask Heather. It was thought best if dogs are generally not allowed into centre. PK offered to mention the ‘no dog’ policy in building.

IH asked if SM can do more work to encourage more business. People support the centre but a lot of people don’t come at all. Poor response for workshops wanted. Discussion took place about how to improve the image of centre. Monday café thought to be good idea. IH suggested that we ask groups to come in and cook maybe Monday mornings. Decided to trial it in November. PK to ask Heather to make soup etc for use on Mondays. Café to run from 11.30 till 2.30. BD/SM to place advert in De tha dol? Also do posters.

(Reminder to pay Caroline / Loch Shiel for food for wood school event. This went very well and raised £154.20. Cost for rolls was £13.80 / burger mix £48.38 / plates and cups etc £20.95. So ‘profit’ of £71.07)

**Minutes of last meeting**

Action points gone through and updated.

**Sgoil na Coille**

Volunteer work group arranged for Sunday 8th November. Ad into De tha dol? Provide tea / coffee/ biscuits.

**PO heating**

Scott interested in acquiring boiler.

BD to buy extra electric heaters for PO and tearoom.

Eenie – BD to ask him to look at drain to stop water running from hill onto parking area and down drive.

**Fireworks**

Using residue from Salen Community Company to buy fireworks and let group in Salen do display. Decided not to pay group in Salen but to purchase fireworks on their behalf. BD to sort ordering fireworks and let Salen know. Make sure Johnny (Salen Inn) has event insurance in place before placing order.

**Reuse meeting**

Meeting to be rearranged.

Iain Wing and Jimmy Gillies will look at sheets and fill in so that BD can do invoices to HC.

**Rural Housing Trust survey**

TC informed the meeting that a representative is needed to go to a meeting to see if they should go ahead or not with a survey on rural housing needs. David Ogg needs an answer. Scott will attend.

**AOB**

1. AGM – date decided on is Thursday 26th Nov. 7.30 (Advert to be put into De tha dol?)
2. Roadside sign for centre. BD met with Highways engineer. OK to do but must run past planning dept and highways for approval. Cheapest option to add to existing road sign but still need approval.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**Next meeting: 12th Nov**