**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**28th February 2019**

**Those present**: Jimmy Gillies(JG) /David John Cameron / Marie-Luise MacDonald(MLM)(chair)/ Becky Dacre (BD)(mins)

1. **Apologies** Jane Gaze (JGa)

**Meeting followed on from EGM. Attendees were 3 members as well as directors.**

2 **Mins from last meeting**

MLM decided that as minutes from last month were mainly about personnel they should be discussed and approved by directors at the next meeting.

3 **Centre Update**

DJC explained that enough finances were in place to keep the centre open for more than 12 months. AG disagreed and said he thought March 2020 would be the deadline. DJC to monitor & report on expenditure quarterly. BD mentioned another survey is to be carried out by RES (Resource Efficient Scotland) to get a more expanded version of the one done last year. To be used for possible funding opportunities for renewable energy solutions to heating system/insulation etc. Also might be useful in offers/discussions for centre to Highland Council.

Douglas Westwater is to be speaking to Highland Council about offer for asset transfer. MLM to email him to see progress.

4 **Play Park**

Sub Committee are meeting regularly and have approached ACC to formally agree to adopt play park under the ACC banner. Highland Council will not continue to maintain park once it has been refurbished so it will be up to the community to maintain and raise funds for doing so. MLM explained that the committee will be organising fund raising to improve the park and provide new equipment and surfacing. They are looking at a figure of about £50,000. Decided to ask Fiona Cameron (leader of the sub-committee) along to the next directors meeting.

JM mentioned that Community Council are to replace the bench in the play park and also to tidy up bit behind bench.

5 **Produce Markets**

BD said dates have been fixed and there will be one a month from April to October (the October one will be an apple event within a market or a separate event). 2 slots for refreshments have been taken, but others still available.

6 **Phone Box**

Fund raising needed to get defibrillator into box. £250 raised so far. Need about £1000 more. Joanne Matheson suggested ACC contact Community Council as they may have a small amount of money available for a good cause such as this. MLM also suggested asking businesses and said that she will get donations tins out to the shop/takeaway etc.

7 **Café/Na’vi**

Amie would like to have their sign nearer the road in the space that Na’vi were going to use but have not. Although now the cafe have a new sign, it is much more prominent and may not need to be moved.

Discussed oil use (whole tank full used in January when café was closed). Thought to be stolen as no padlock on at the time. It has been reported to the police.

8 **Community transport scheme**

This will start soon and run for 12 months initially. Purpose to take patients to hospital appointments. Fiona Galbraith has been appointed project officer and she will be based at the centre. She will be starting soon although funding runs from April. Fiona Ogg asked who drivers will be and will they need to go through disclosure scheme. They will be volunteers using a leased car (through Loch Shiel Garage) and will need disclosure or PVG.

9 **New Reuse shed**

BD has asked Phin Mansseh if he could help draw sketch plans up for our shed so that we can approach HSCHT with an idea of the size of land required. He agreed and BD has informed HSCHT (John Forbes) so that we can all work together.

10 **Community Orchard**

Funding from Scottish Salmon has allowed us to purchase 12 fruit trees (apple/pear /plum) and the area behind MacNaughton Crescent next to the kickabout pitch has been chosen for the orchard. Fencing to go ahead Saturday 9th March and the trees can be planted after it is finished. Shielbridge Estate have offered to pay for the materials for the fencing. Pupils from Acharacle Primary School are to come and help on 21st March and again on 28th if needed.

Fiona Ogg mentioned that there are some fencing panels left over from the all-weather pitch at the school and wondered if they may be of use. DJC to ask Lyndsay Bradley about this.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm