**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**11thFebruary 2016**

**Minutes taken at the meeting were ‘lost’ as the computer restarted, so up to 4B is from memory (Becky)**

**Those present**: Tracy Cameron / Adam Hough / Seonaid Macleod / Scott Fletcher / Ilanora Sharp/ Becky Dacre

Members – Fiona and David Ogg / Andrew Green

Public: Arlette George

**Apologies**: Pauline King / Iain Houston

**Directors business:**

Cathie and Liz attended the meeting to ask about possible rent reduction as their business is not bringing in enough income to cover rent. They left a letter and the directors will discuss this issue after the meeting when all directors have read it.

**Treasurer’s report:**  This was not covered as the first part of the meeting over ran.

**Seonaid’s Report (from Seonaid’s file)**

*Next* ***Quiz*** *arranged for Friday 11th March, will be well advertised as usual.*

***Community Café*** *continues every Monday except 1st one of every month, numbers of attenders vary from 2 -11, has not made a loss.*

***Armchair Film Club*** *continues to view a film on 3rd Fri of each month; next film will be ‘Cold Mountain’ on Friday 15th January. There are a few attenders who are very keen on the monthly film but a few others can drift off to play cards, attenders at last steering group meeting agreed we should continue with monthly Film day.*

***The Burns Lunch*** *on Friday 22nd January went extremely well, 25 people were seated for Lunch including 7 from Dail Mhor lunch club and 3 non lunch club attenders, Donald McCauley piped in the Haggis, Rosemary was in great form and everyone joined in and had a good time, the raffle raised £68 later a steering group meeting attender asked if lunch bunch should get a share of this as some attenders contribute towards this****?***

*The first of the Centres 3* ***whist’s league*** *on Fri 29th Jan had a disappointing turnout of 11 but everyone present had a good time. £82 was raised, £21 tea money, - £14 Whiskey for raffle, left £47 divided between Lunch Bunch Funds and Centre Funds £23.50 each. £58.50 banked for Centre.*

*Directors present as this meeting agreed that Lunch Bunch can have ½ of raffle monies raised less expenses i.e. raffle items purchased etc as discussed at Steering Group Meeting on 29.1.16. The Lunch Bunch attenders contribute items to ongoing centre raffle box set up for any future Centre Events.*

*The 2nd Whist is on 19th Feb and 3rd Whist on 18th March with a special prize for the person with highest overall score. Donations of baking and raffle prizes always welcome.*

*Heather has contacted the people interested in attending the Centres proposed* ***Art Group*** *and said she will get things up and running soon.*

*I have 6 places and 6 names of persons wanting to take part in the Ann Dye* ***Batik workshop*** *at the Centre on Sat 12th March, I’m thinking of getting proposed attenders to pay for this in advance as if someone does not turn up on the day funds for this will be tight. Dale Megan at UHI has offered £50 towards materials as long as we invoice her.*

***Re-use*** *appears quiet at the moment, volunteers are sometimes organising uplifts etc. between drivers and themselves i.e. local run last week and run to Kinlochleven mid-January, I can only assume they also collect the donations from those customers?*

*The* ***main door*** *is problematic at the moment as it won’t close after itself which means we are losing heat from the Centre as people come and go, this occurred after* ***P.H.S. Compliance*** *did the fixed wire electrical testing for Highland Council on Sunday 30th January, they did not sign in using the contractors book as requested through e-mail nor leave any paperwork or record of them being here.*

***Next Steering Group Meeting****: advertised for 1.15pm Friday 4th March.*

***Quiz****: 1.30pm Friday 11th March.*

***Armchair Film Club****: 1.30pm Friday 18th March*

***Whist****: 7pm Friday 18th March.*

**3 Minutes from the last meeting –** not looked at this month as only one copy available and not all (inc public attending) had read minutes. Will sort next month.

**4 A PO repair work / heating -** Progress not known as PK not present.

 **B Sgoil na Coille -**  BD explained about desire to run a mini woodland festival and had been in touch with Pete Holmes who is a very good tutor. But limited to April 9th as he is booked all rest of April. Also cost limiting (£300 a day). Decided to try to use local people for activities inc Eilidh Ann (kids activities) / Alison Durbin (willow weaving) / BD (pole lathe) / Liz and Al Dawes / and Angus Peter (stick making). Later in April thought good as weather may be better. Thought not to have Easter event but just turn it into spring event.

No progress with land ownership. IH and anybody else available will do repairs needed to building when weather is suitable.

(TC left)

 **C Reuse event -**  BD suggested having car boot sale alongside make and mend workshops / demonstrations /meeting about future of centre / refreshments. Possibly 19th March (Saturday) 11 till 3. BD to do advert in De Tha Dol.

 **D Produce Markets -**  BD reported back about meeting held in centre about produce markets. The meeting had been well attended (7 stallholders). The group needed the directors to make a decision as to whether ACC should continue to run the markets solely or a 50/50 split between ACC and Made in Lochaber or Made in Lochaber totally. Directors decided 50/50 option best. Trial it for a year. BD explained that Made in Lochaber could help with all advertising / take 50% of table money / refreshment provision stays as is / group helps put up posters. Made in Lochaber are to provide guidelines about running a market. BD to report back to them about decision. Dates – first Thursday of each month – April to September.

 **E Community Noticeboard -**  TC had a quote and she was to go back to AcCouncil but progress unknown as TC had left mtg at this stage.

**AOB**  - BD /AH to remind Stevie about baby changing unit to be installed into tearoom.

IS wants to finalise visits – MICT cost £250 per day( Poss just do half day) Abriachan and Glengarry.

AH mentioned the land at the back of MacNaughton Crescent (footy pitch) and asked BD if any progress had been made about ownership. No progress as yet.

IS explained to members present ACC’s hopes for the future of the reuse and discussed with Arlette about how she may be able to help.

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