**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**15th February 2018**

**Those present**: Jimmy Gillies / Jane Gaze (by phone) /Marie-Luise MacDonald /Lesley Macmaster / Becky Dacre (mins)

1. **Apologies** RG / JC
2. **mins from last meeting –** approved

**3** **Bank accounts info** - £56192.26 centre account / £5882.84 main account

**4 centre**

See separate report from Lesley (at end)

JG to have word with Fiona Ross to mention repairs that need doing to the shed. Holes in roof etc.

Discussed about need to have one person deciding on whether goods are to be kept or discarded. LM thought JG would be good to take up that role.

Grand Reuse Sale day proposed. Decided to have a sort out on Thursday 15th March and Saturday 17th for grand sale. BD to do advert for de tha dol?

Cook –The position of cook at the centre was advertised and Liz Duncan has been successful in applying for post and is now the cook for lunch club. Discussed extra days / afternoon tea open to all. BD to do advert for De tha dol?

Phone list – LM sorting it out and as there are lots of changes she suggested putting an advert in De Tha Dol? and copies of list to be put in school /Tearoom/centre. BD to put in ‘news’ in de tha dol? Also to ask if any adverts wanted?

**5 Tearoom**

Reviewing rent of tearoom. MM has contacted a surveyor, waiting for reply.

**7 AOB**

**Phone kiosk** MM to contact BT about contract. BD has filled in application to Awards for All for funding towards getting public access defibrillator into old phone box. Also been in touch with local paramedic and will join forces to do cpr training and defib awareness sessions as part of funding application using centre to hold them in. BD to send form to directors and Community Heartbeat Trust for approval.

**Trailer and chipper.** BD has contacted ACC insurers and the trailer and chipper cannot be insured unless they are in a secure locked location. This is not possible at the moment, so will continue to store them in present way at Shielfoot Organics property. Decided to try to hire out trailer on an informal basis asking for donations. Rules for hire to be written out and minimum donation to be decided. (BD to do)

**Printer in office –** Cost of current printer cartridges is huge (£50 x 4) so BD was asking if a cheaper printer could be bought (inkjet instead of laser jet)that would take cheaper cartridges, so reduce running costs. Could sell current printer as quite new. To look at BD/LM

**Grass cutting at centre / PO** – Decided that will try to do with volunteers for the coming year

**Produce Market Dates** - This years dates are provisionally –

April 5th, May 10th, June 7th, July 19th, August 9th, September 6th.

**Work day at centre** – Outside of building looking very scruffy and sheds need some work doing to them. To be organised for March. BD/LM to sort.

**Sgoil na Coille** – had a successful meeting with Eilidh Ann Madden on Monday 12th Feb about organising some events at the wood school. Decided to hold one at Easter (Saturday 31st March)from 2-4pm. EAM to do treasure hunt, Easter bonnet competition and nest making. ACC to provide teas and cakes etc. Need to take large flasks and cold water for squash etc. Also to get prizes – choc eggs were suggested. EAM is to do poster. It will be a joint event and the donations will be divided.

EAM is also hoping to do a whole day event at the Sgoil which she will charge £25/child in the summer (Highland Council ranger event). Other events discussed and she can to use the centre for an evening bat walk and moth catching evening (May/Sept). this could be a joint activity with ACC. Again to split donations

Possibly other events at Sgoil but nothing fixed yet.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm

Centre Admin Report

1. I met Iain Houston at the hospital and he seemed keen to help with lines in the car park. Becky had already spoken to him.
2. CPR training wasn’t very well attended but it was a very bad night weather wise.
3. Posties have asked if their charger is PAT tested then would it be ok to bring it back here. I wasn’t aware it had gone.
4. The Re-use shed is in need of roof repairs and I wondered if the directors would approach Fiona regarding this. I also feel there are some items going to waste that could be re-used, Jane brought this to my attention. I think the answer might be that one person decides what stays and goes or there is discussion between the shed and the centre before large items are discarded.
5. Centre account balance = £56,192.26 Main account balance = £5,882.84.
6. Ilanora phoned to cancel the credit card for the van as it’s in her name. She said we need to empty it first and she will call them back.
7. New activities: Yoga on Monday evenings. (Only for one hour but every little counts). Flower arranging, first event 21st of March, she will come maybe quarterly if people are interested. As far as I know the Qi Going is not going to continue. Most people I’ve spoken to think it’s very expensive. I worry this might be the case with the flower arranging too.
8. Liz is over the moon about being offered the kitchen job and is happy to try afternoon teas on a Monday. I ordered a set of scales, a hand mixer and a toastie machine for the kitchen. Total cost = £48.62. She said she would offer toasties on a Monday. We had our first Man in for lunch on Tuesday!
9. I’ve made a start on the phone list but am unsure whether or not some of the people still live here. I have taken quite a few off that I know about for sure. I have also phoned a couple of them and they are not in use. What I was thinking is should I advertise in De Tha Dol that we are making a new list and if anyone wants to be on it or knows of any changes if they could let me know.