**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

18th **September 2019**

**Those present**: Lesley MacMaster (LM) /David John Cameron / Marie-Luise MacDonald(MLM)(chair)/ Jane Gaze (JGa) / Becky Dacre (BD)(mins)

NOTE: As not minimum number of directors, this is just discussion

**1 Apologies**

**2 Minutes from last meeting** Approved by directors present

**3 Bank balances** Main acct £15,651.72

Centre acct £26,190.71

**4 New director**

Offer from David Kirkham to be a director. All at meeting thought this would be a good idea. MLM suggested Fiona Cameron as she is in charge of the play park committee which could not function without ACC. MLM to email Fiona. MLM to reply to A Green’s email. MLM to reply to David Kirkham. To suggest any new prospective directors come to a meeting.

**5 Centre**

Hospital transport project – problem with having car parked at centre. Not enough spaces. 2 spaces for residents. 1 for reuse van which leaves only 1 space when the Posties are in. Need a sign up/mark spaces out which indicates space needed for Posties between 10-11am. Iain Houston has white paint and is willing to help mark out.

Discussion about possibility of selling Fish and chips from the centre. LD has been offered fryer from Highlander Takeaway. LD suggested 2 nights a week. LM worried about smell. Discussed and thought to be a possible opportunity as no other takeaways in village. To advertise in De Tha Dol? To be started on a trial basis.

Lunch club – need to advertise or change way run as numbers have dwindled. Discussed about advertising for any age, maybe as ‘Community Lunches’ instead of lunch club. Possibly do one or two lighter lunches a week like soup and sandwiches instead of a full blown meal. To try F&C possibly but lunches should start sooner. Decided to start community lunches on 28th October (beg of that week) and lighter lunch on Friday Nov 1st. JG to price fish from van. DJC and JG to speak to LD.

Knitting group are willing to pay for room.. DJC suggested. Not all in agreement. To talk further.

Craft group starting up again Tuesday evenings. From 15th October.

Citizens Advice Bureau – do outreach already and have a budget. LM to ask when they can come.

LM has asked various folk about running a pampering night. All willing. To ask Marie about hair dressing at the centre on a regular basis.

LD said there have been various payments from Highland Council into the centre account – not known what they relate to.

BD to forward business plan to MLM. Need to finalise this and use for stage 2 application to SLF

LM to chase up about car park. MLM to ask one of her colleagues who works with HSCHT.

BD to give go ahead to Wesley for survey and updated valuation. £750 +VAT for schedule of condition (that will look at certain structural aspects of the building) and also update of valuation which will cost £200+VAT.

Directors discussed what starting offer should be made to Highland Council for the asset transfer. Thought maybe £30,000.

**6 Phone box.**

BD had asked Charlie Maclean to look at phone box and give a price for connection of the defibrillator cabinet. It turns out the electricity supply has been disconnected. After contacting BT it transpires that they made a mistake in telling us there was an electricity supply. We will have to pay for reconnection. BD to get a price from SSE. Loch Shiel Garage have offered for us to connect from their supply. BD to ask them about details of this offer.

Iain Houston has looked over the box and given us a list of work that needs doing to it which includes repainting. We will do this with volunteers – need to fix a date for a work party. (possibly November depending on weather).

**7 Produce Market**

Last one of season organised as apple event and market. Discussion about day chosen as it is not in the holidays and kids and working adults won’t be able to make it. BD to see if fruit press is available on Saturday? 12th Oct. BD to advertise in De Tha Dol?

Meeting closed 9.35pm