**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

2nd April **2020**

**Those present**: Marie-Luise MacDonald(MLM)(chair)/ David John Cameron (DJC) / Fiona Cameron (FC) / Becky Dacre (BD)(mins)

David Kirkham (DK) & Lesley MacMaster (LM) joined part way through.

Note: Meeting by Skype

1. No apologies

2. Café Tioram – due to forced closure due to Covid-19 they have been in touch about having rent etc reduced. DJC is to work out basic costs that ACC has to pay (insurance/standing charges for water and electric etc) and MLM is to ask them to pay this per month. She will get back to them asap to let them know their request is being considered.

Na’vi are trading as usual and are able to continue to pay bills.

DJC said Na’vi are starting to make progress on their new property, so they may request to leave the old PO building. They need to give 6 months’ notice. Nobody sure how much of their lease is left. MLM to look into.

3. Virus update

Angela Williams has applied to the Martin Lewis fund (he started Money Saving Expert) which is funding covid-19 support activities. No word yet.

BD applied to HIE Supporting Communities Fund which is providing Covid-19 response support. Spoken to Alistair Nicholson on Mon 30.3.20. Should hear whether successful in the following week.

DJC has applied to 3rd Sector Resilience fund which is supporting organisations hit by lack of income due to the virus.

-LM joined the meeting-

3. LM updated on her activities. She has a growing list of volunteers. Still not many requests for help. 2 members have offered to deliver Fish & Chips (Friday) to vulnerable or those without transport.

LM said a member had been in touch (Community Council) asking ACC to collaborate with the Comm Council.

It was noted that Fort William Food Bank has had its remit increased to serve a wider area. Referrals needed through social work for this.

4. M & A’s – BD asked MLM which M&A’s are the correct version. MLM to sort. Then need to be sent to OSCR & Companies House. MLM to send to OSCR and BD to do CH.

MLM asked BD if Royal Mail lease had been sorted. BD replied that DJC had signed it and BD has sent it back to the solicitors. They will forward a copy when they have signed too.

5. More virus funding discussed – one is from Foundation Scotland.

LM offered to help with any applications that need doing. LM offered to contact Fiona Ross to ask for a rent reduction for the Reuse Shed due to the project not operating at the moment and for the foreseeable future. ACC may get help towards income loss, but not known yet.

-DJK joined the meeting-

6. DK proposed that Angela Williams should be co-opted as a director. Agreed. DK to call her.

7. DK announced that there is a Gov fund for providing free Broadband for 6 months. Can be up to 30 people in our area. This includes connection and can be up to £600 per person. LM to follow up.

8. BD had done a sketch proposal for a new Reuse shed on land opposite the centre and had emailed it to directors. Emphasised it is only a starting point to get an idea of how much land is required. DJK suggested that whatever size is shown should be increased by 50% to ensure enough area. Others to comment.

**Meeting closed: 8.30pm**

**NEXT MEETING – to be in one week’s time and by Skype 9.4.20**