**Acharacle Community Company**

**Notes from meeting**

21st May **2020**

**Those present**: Marie-Luise MacDonald (MLM Chair), Fiona Cameron (FC) / Lesley MacMaster (LM)/ David John Cameron (DJC) / David Kirkham (DK) / Angela Williams (AW) / Becky Dacre (BD)(mins)

Note: Meeting by Skype

1. Apologies none

2 Emails – problem with bookings@acharacle.org.uk email. BD suggested contacting netweaver who host it who might be able to help with password.

3 Grants

DJC announced that the Supporting Communities Fund application has been successful. £6,570. This is for provision of Covid-19 activities. It includes provision of equipment to improve health & wellbeing of vulnerable & sheltered, operation of community centre and providing an organised and coordinated community response to covid-19 activities. To include activities from April to September. Receipts need to be kept for submission. Some of the activities funded can be changed but need approval first.

DJC to buy tablets as needed. These could become the property of ACC in long term if users don’t want to keep them. Could keep for lending out to others.

BD mentioned Small business grant and said it didn’t seem likely that ACC would qualify as Centre does not appear on rateable value checker site. DJK suggested trying café as this does appear on rates assessor site. BD to follow up.

4 Kitchen / Centre

FC still to do checklist for kitchen.

Facemasks – some have been made. These are for the posties first.

5 Asset transfer

John MacDonald (HIE) has informed us that the Highland Council asset transfer committee will be meeting on the 12th August to discuss our asset transfer. The stage 2 SLF funding application has to be in by 31st August.

Discussion about when to hold EGM to get members approval. Decision made to seek member approval after SLF application has gone in and HC (if they approve asset transfer) have worked out terms and conditions. In meantime to let members know progress of applications etc, possibly in newsletter.

DK keen to see alternative uses for centre permitted in HC terms and conditions.(To come into force if community use fails) Either specific e.g social housing or just general uses.

6 Employees

AW suggested that it should be stated that furloughed staff will be reviewed monthly and possibly will only be until August anyway. Future of lunch club uncertain as numbers were so low before the closure that expenditure was exceeding income.

LM to speak to Deirdre (VAL) about furloughing.

7 Shopping

DJC is to go to Morrisons to check out click & collect as they are not answering phones. Anecdotally, click & collect doesn’t seem to be working in Acharacle.

8 Current Projects

Masks – lots being made. To be washed and distributed first to Posties.

Fish & Chip Friday going well. More each week. Volunteers available for delivering each week.

Sonachan Hotel sold and kitchen being ripped out. DJC to see if anything for sale.

9 Newsletter

DJC to email to MLM for her to work on it. Hopefully print next week.

10 AOB

Public Meeting – DJC suggested arranging a public meeting using zoom. In form of 1 Q&A session.

BD to email members with newsletter and other updates.

Charity Retail Association has published guidelines for reopening charity shops etc which will be useful when considering re-opening Reuse shed. (notification came through CRNS). LM said there have been lots of enquiries about using Reuse services and wanting to drop items at shed etc.

DJC suggested new laptop for LM as Dell one has stopped sending/receiving emails. Agreed.

DJC wondered about a school uniform collection at centre for parents to come and use when wanting new uniform for kids. FC said a rail already exists at school, but said for DJC to still talk to Lyndsay.

BD attended a webinar about writing an environmental policy for ACC. Agreed good idea and given go ahead.

DJC/DK still working on accounts and new spreadsheets etc. No word from accountants about template. Also need to chase VAL.

**Meeting closed: 8.20pm**

**NEXT MEETING – to be in one week’s time and by Skype 28.5.20**