**Acharacle Community Company**

**Notes from meeting**

2nd July **2020**

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

Note: Meeting by Zoom (no meeting notes from last week as meeting had to be aborted due to poor internet)

1. Apologies - Lesley MacMaster (LM) / Angela Williams (AW)

2 **Trailer/Chipper** These items were donated to ACC from Lochaber Environmental Group when the community compost site closed in 2016. All directors agreed best option is to sell both items. Online best option, possibly Facebook Reuse page. To start with chipper and trailer and then continuing with other items. Need to be able to take bids with a given time limit. Offer delivery as otherwise people will advertise through buy swap sell Lochaber.

Also directors agreed to not reopening shed and to use Roshven room at centre instead. Need to be strict about what is taken into centre. Agreed to only partition room if necessary if bookings are enough to warrant it. Try to do as much as possible online with items going straight from one person’s house to another. To talk to Fiona. Agreed a good opportunity to change way shed is run.

BD/LM to set up Reuse page.

Timescale: Empty shed by end August. Open new shop in centre when ready but can continue to sell items in between. Big auction style sale at old shed mid-August possibly with good items that haven’t been got rid of. To recycle or dismantle as much as possible, then skips if necessary. Fort William recycling site only open on a partial basis yet.

**Compost Site** - AW had a look at the site and suggested there was little that was salvageable. BD to check out shed to see if movable. BD to put up signs saying no tipping etc. Also new sign for wood school.

BD to chase Forestry Commission up about lease/maintenance of track.

Discussion about **Lunch Club/Produce markets/using volunteers** lead to a decision to not open any of these up yet as all activities involve close working and/or vulnerable people.

**Café roof** Awaiting quote from Alistair Cameron (Ardtoe) after BD met on site. Nobody sure when café re-opening.

**Centre -** Painting rooms - aim to finish next week.

DJC said hair washing sink in the ‘Shiel’ Room is cracked and is to be replaced by an ordinary sink.

**Masks**  - some still being made and DJC has some elastic but will need more.

**Morrison’s delivery –** They are to deliver to Acharacle area from next week, so ACC delivery will not be needed. ACC still to pick up from the vets and LBS but no requests so far.

3 Accounts DJC shared screen and showed income & expenditure sheet. Agreed to send it out fully next week so all directors could look at it in detail (some of the document couldn’t be seen). DJC/DK to meet Sunday to finalise accounts and DJC to email out on Monday.

4 Sunart Telecom Shares

BD to send document that DK produced to DTAS on Monday for their expert advice on how it affects the company.

ITEMS TO WATCH

**Na’vi lease** They will be vacating the shop soon and are keen to not have to pay rates on both properties. They can get exemption for one property but not both if one is empty. They have to pay rent till end of tenancy and have agreed this. They suggested subletting to new business rent free. Directors agreed that best for them to surrender lease, pay rent and move out. ACC to advertise and possibly give new tenant a rent-free period as incentive. Tentative suggestion to use it for reuse project, but not thought to be viable after discussion.

DK to speak to Ali from Na’vi to suggest this and to ask for contribution to heat and light etc up to end of tenancy period.

**Policies**  DJC did update some and BD was to update Health & Safety, but not completed and agreed.

AW mentioned the need for a pack of information for new directors which should include about activities of the company what properties are owned, a bit of background to each project as well as details of what it entails to be a director. Also needs updating every 6 months.

DK also said ACC needs to promote their activities.

AW/BD to meet to discuss the director information pack.

**Phone box/defib** Iain Houston has offered to help renovation. He is to look at it and liaise with BD.

**Play Park** FC said no progress at the moment but will report back when anything happens.

**New Reuse Shed** BD asked if she could carry on negotiations with the crofters to try to obtain the piece of land opposite the centre. Agreed to send plans to John Cameron (clerk to grazings committee).

**Meeting closed: 9.00pm**

**NEXT MEETING – to be in two weeks’ time and in the centre - 16th July 7.30pm**