



Minutes of Acharacle Community Company Directors' Meeting 29th Feb 2024

Meeting held at the Acharacle Community Centre on Thursday 28th Feb 2024

Attendees: -

<p>Directors: Fiona Cameron (FC) Tracy Cameron (TC) Gillian King (GK) (in the chair) Karen MacMillan (KM) Graham Finegold (GF)</p> <p>Apologies: Helen MacGillivray (HM) David John Cameron (DJC)</p>	<p>Staff: Aukje Delnooz (AD), Lesley Macmaster (LM)</p> <p>Minutes: AD</p>
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Item	Topic	Action
1	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes from 1 st Feb 2024 approved by GF and KM	
2	Matters arising and not dealt with in agenda	
	Communication re proposal from Scruples was dealt with by AD	
3	Financial update	
	Fiona presented financial update for nearly-end-of-year. Spreadsheet to be found on OneDrive, which all directors should be able to access.	DJC to give GF access to OneDrive
4	Correspondence	
	N/A	
5	Monthly Newsletter – De Tha Dol entries	
	Directors are happy with new look of the Newsletter. AD has made the Newsletters and template accessible to all on Canva.	
6	Membership applications / changes / board and office appointments	
	N/A	
7	Asset Management – Investment properties – café, Sunart Networks & House	
7.1	DJC has been in touch with Community Enterprise regarding the feasibility study	DJC to update directors
7.2	Agreed that results of feasibility study will need to be shared sensitively with community, acknowledging that we understand their wish for a gym/exercise space, but explaining that this cannot be realised at the PO Buildings. Suggestion: include existing local alternatives for exercise (e.g. weekly Cardio/Keep Fit classes at the Hall).	ACC / Community Enterprise to inform the community
7.3	(LM left the room) Expressions of interest for the PO Building were received from two parties, one of whom has since withdrawn. Directors	

	give their permission in principle that Sunart Networks can offer the space to the other party subject to any necessary legal amendment to the lease. DJC has communicated this with relevant party and Sunart Networks and arrangement is agreed until December.	
7.4	Cafe reported another leak in the roof today (29 th Feb 2024)	
8	Asset Transfer – Shielbridge Hall	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No news from OSCR, but Hall committee will hold extra consultation meeting before a transfer can take place. GF will keep us informed. - Community Regeneration Fund money for the legal transfer can't be spent in time for end of year, so Highland Council has agreed to let the Hall hold the money. - Designs for building and insulation are agreed and are expected to significantly reduce CO2 and energy costs. - Hall is getting lots of bookings! 	
9	Subcommittee reports	
9.1	<u>Play Park:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FC is getting quotes for grass - FC will get separate sign acknowledging the funders of the Play Park - ACCouncil are fundraising for a community noticeboard. Directors agree that this can be placed at the Play Park and that FC can liaise with ACCouncil about this. Proposed location: facing out, at the fence of the Play Park, near the toilets. Design to be agreed between ACC and ACCouncil. Maintenance to be shared between ACC and ACCouncil. 	FC to liaise with ACCouncil re notice board
9.2	<u>Community Centre:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reiki: community member keen to start offering reiki at Centre. 1 free session and thereafter booking Cherry. LM to make poster - Bingo caller needed: FC to do this until Bryan is back - LM has asked LC to do a quiz at Centre. - Mess in shared cupboard An Cearcall/Brownies/Ewen's Room in Oak. Ewen's Room want more space. An Cearcall using the room less often. TC suggests LM can clear boxes of books off the top shelves to make more room. - LM has done interim report for lottery grant. 	<p>LM to make poster for reiki</p> <p>FC to be bingo caller for now</p> <p>LM to arrange a date for quiz with LC and pass info to AD to go in next Dè tha Dol</p> <p>LM to liaise with users of cupboard and clear space</p> <p>TC or GK to look at interim grant report</p>
10	Projects/ Activities	
10.1	<u>Grants update:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bike money is being spent. - Garden has received funding (see 10.2). - AD to focus now on application for funding (“Community Led” from Community Fund and possibly People's Postcode Trust) to continue RO post. 	AD to apply to Community Led Fund

	- Defibrillator at Café needed new pads, which are expensive. Need to raise money for upkeep of defibrillator. RO to liaise with Fiona Duncan re joint coffee morning fundraiser for defibrillator at Café and at Langal.	RO to liaise with Fiona Duncan
10.2	<u>Community Garden</u> : Garden has received £500 from H&I Climate Action Fund and currently waiting to hear from Pockets & Prospects Fund about the last £442 needed for the polytunnel. Directors would like to see a more long-term plan for the Garden. AD to talk to volunteers at next Work Day.	Directors/AD to include Garden in new strategic Year Plan
10.3	<u>Volunteer management</u> : no update on possible app. DJC suggested holding a volunteer lunch in April/May. Directors agree.	AD to contact VAL to ask about possible volunteer management apps
10.4	<u>Reflection Garden update</u> : TC will contact Duncan Baird to find out the current status of this project	TC to contact Duncan Baird
10.5	<u>Community Lunches</u> : directors agree that last Lunch for now will be 22 nd March and will restart in Autumn.	AD to let volunteers and Urram know
10.6	<u>EV Charger</u> : still no answer from SSEN. They promised someone will ring KM tomorrow (1 st March). If no response, KM will draft a letter of complaint to write to MSP. TC offered to ask Louise (Urram) for a statement about importance of hospital transport.	
10.7	<u>E-bike scheme</u> : - Bike Rental Manager app will keep track of bikes, payments and maintenance. AD to set up checks/maintenance between loans and an annual service for the bikes (Becky or other volunteer). - AD to look at bike lockers for storing bikes, instead of shed. - Directors feel that the e-bike scheme should be kept for members only, not for tourists/commercial rental (which would take bikes away from the community and require a different price bracket/insurance). - Bikes for Kilchoan (suggestion DJC): directors do not feel that ACC should take this on, as it is outside our postcode area. AD to pass on the funding information so Kilchoan can pursue this themselves if wanted.	AD to contact Becky/volunteer re maintenance AD to send info to directors re possible bike lockers AD to pass e-bike funding info on to Kilchoan
10.8	<u>Community Minibus</u> : Community member enquired again today about progress on this. Directors decided this is not a project ACC can pursue at the moment.	AD to inform community member
11	AOB	
11.1	Directors need to discuss actions resulting from the effectiveness review	Directors to agree a date: suggested 11 th April 2024
11.2	ACCouncil requested someone from ACC to attend their meetings	KM to start attending ACCouncil meetings again
12	Date of next meeting	
	4 th April 2024 at 7.30pm	