**Acharacle Community Company**

**Minutes of meeting**

**10thDecember 2015**

**Those present**: Iain Houston / Tracy Cameron / Pauline King / Seonaid Macleod / Scott Fletcher / Ilanora Sharp/ Becky Dacre

**Apologies**: Adam Hough

**Directors business:**

IH suggested a spreadsheet showing difference of unrestricted and restricted funds and also to see funds being used throughout the year and to make sure best use/ maximum income of assets is being made. ACTION: IH/PK/BD

BD – to send email to David Govan about AG’s email. PK pointed out that van expenditure appears in restricted funds. BD to ask David Govan why this is.

Andrew Green had also pointed out that ACC should run the tearoom instead of renting the space to make most money out of the assets for the community. This was discussed when the lease came up for renewal and was discussed again. Reasons for not doing this included more work for ACC if run by volunteers etc.

Joanne Matheson has shown an interest in renting the PO if the PO is relocated. Also Liz Connel has mentioned about wanting the space to do something (community based). IH suggested use of centre as a shop? Maybe not able to give sole use of one room for one purpose as it means the use of the centre is not as flexible. Need to think about use of centre as it will close when fund runs out.

**Treasurers report – Bank balances:** main acct: £ 4008.88

 Project acct: £10642.80

 Centre acct: £47344.90

**Seonaid’s report**

IS asked how café is going. Lowest taken £26 up to £50. Decided to run it for 2 more Mondays in December and also next year at least January.

SM asked IS about drivers as there have been complaints from volunteers when they are passengers in the van. IS says it is difficult to run the project in a business like way, but the van has to be used in business like way for public and volunteers safety. IH suggested putting a poster in van or shed. Decided to write a personal letter to each driver and perhaps organise an advanced driving course for all drivers. Decided to cost it out. IS asked BD to ask New Start Highland. IH to ring AHS about driving course as TC suggested they run courses for their minibus drivers.

 ACTION: IH/BD

SM reported that there is no quiz this month – 8th Jan will be the next one.

Christmas lunch for lunch club tomorrow ( 24th). Fergie and Morvern playing at the lunch and toddlers/ school to perform too. Decided that proceeds of the raffle should be split (centre and lunch club). IH asked SM to get photos of the event.

Booker card has been acquired but HD not used it yet.

SM has given HD a key to office etc. Jeannie had a key so it was thought HD should have one too.

No film this month – next one 15th Jan.

Burns lunch is to be 22nd Jan – Rosemary is doing entertaining. A piper has been requested Someone suggested asking Graham (postie).

Whist league – will start in the new year - Fri 29th / Jan 19th / Feb 18th / March.

Art group has been advertised and got a good response, so it will start in the new year.

SM has asked Stevie to install box behind letterbox and mend gutters, but it has not been done yet. She will get Charlie to look at some electrical problems in the centre.

Next Steering group meeting 29th Jan

(Fiona Ogg arrived)

**Minutes from the last meeting**  approved

**PO repairs**

IH looked into cost of quantum heating. Approx £4-600 each. Thought not to be responsive enough for setting. Oil combi boiler was decided best option which would make use of existing radiators and be easiest to install. Scott Andrews (from FW) has been asked by PK to quote but not till end of January. BD to order tubular heater for PO from Screwfix.

 ACTION: PK / BD

Strontian Shop Insurance is to sort all the repairs to the damage that the delivery van from Strontian Shop caused to the corner of the sorting office. IH has taken photos and fixed gutter end cap to stop water pouring out.

Sale of hopper / boiler – TC put it on Facebook but no response yet. Need a plinth for oil tank possibly made of flags or blocks. Size and location to be sorted.

Stevie is to do new back door and changing unit for tearoom. He is busy but will do soon.

IH changed bulbs at PO.

Kenny Morrison hasn’t quoted for roof repairs as he needs a drawing for how it is to tie in with the existing roof. Kenneth MacDonald to be asked by PK if he can do drawings. ACTION: PK

After Scottish Water cleared the blocked drain they were going to put a camera down to see what was causing the blockage – PK to chase up. ACTION: PK

No progress about PO relocation. FO suggested contacting them so we can find out more. IH will do. ACTION: IH

**Sgoil na coille**

Land ownership – no progress. Need help (from members ?) to move this forward. TC suggested community group meetings once or twice a year so everybody is talking together. BD to contact Abriachan to arrange a visit. IH/SF/IS to progress. ACTION: IH/IS/SF/BD

Lorna Gillies and partner want to get married at the Sgoil. Discussed what payment we ahould ask for. Decided that payment in kind i.e. to improve path or put flashing on roof apex. Alternatively £50 payment. IH emailed her last year. BD to contact to discuss details. BD making a table for the sgoil. ACTION: BD

**Volunteering**

Wheel of volunteering started in Lochaber. BD to reply to Margaret to show interest.ACTION: BD

**End of project report (Awards for All lottery Grant)**

Underspend of £844 due to estimate for cost of van being more than actual cost. Need to decide what the underspend could be spent on or it will have to be returned. Suggested cost of launch / trolley / van graphics / hi viz jackets . Costs to be put together and then BD to speak to Dougie Spence at the BIG lottery and finish filling form in. ACTION: BD

Promotion trips to villages still not organised.

**AOB**

Any future events?? No suggestions.

TC spoke to Liam and Donald for quote for village sign. Will sort after Christmas.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Next meeting: 14th January 2016