**Acharacle Community Company**

**AGM 18st January 2017**

**Those present:** Directors: Pauline King / Ilanora Sharp / Becky Dacre (mins)

Members (see list),

**Apologies:** Sharon Cameron / Scott Fletcher / Ella Gill / David Ogg / Mary Lamont / Jean Hillsley

1. **Welcome**: Pauline welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained that she is chairing the meeting. Unfortunately to continue with the meeting more directors need to be elected.
2. **Retirement & election of directors**

Not enough directors to make the meeting quorate. Marie-Luise MacDonald volunteered to be a director. She was duly elected. (Nominated by PK and seconded by IS). Steven Marshall nominated his wife, Lynne Marshall, to be a director (although not present she wanted to be a director) PK seconded the proposal.

As Sharon Cameron had been co-opted during the year, she stood down to be elected (not present but had agreed). IH proposed / LC seconded Sharon Cameron to be elected as a director. Rodney George is considering becoming a director but wants to think about it. He has a specific expertise in Forestry so would be interested in taking forward the woodland purchase proposal.

1. **Minutes from the last AGM**:

Minutes from last year’s AGM approved. ( IH proposed /IS seconded).

1. **Chairman’s Report**

PK explained about all the activities that the Company has been involved in during the year that related to the presented accounts.

This included the renovation of Druim Garbh and successful letting through the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust to a local couple.

She talked about the Reuse Project and how it is still running successfully and the new van is helping the deliveries and collections. The grant funding that comes through Highland Council is reducing each year but donations have increased.

The Produce markets have run again during the summer months with an extra one at Christmas.

Sgoil na Coille – PK explained that not many events have taken place recently but hopefully this will increase again later in the year.

Community centre – The lease with the Highland Council comes to an end in Dec 2017, so ACC is in early stages of talking about a community takeover. Lesley MacMaster was not present to give report. A member asked how much it would cost to buy? Not able to give amount yet. BD explained about DTAS and new law to help asset transfer. It will only be apparent once ACC have gone through process that the cost will be known. PK said it costs between £1-2000 per month to run centre. Could save money by insulation/heating replacement when it is community owned but not while under Highland Council ownership. IS explained about Tongue and the similar community agreement they have to run their centre. One member said that transport is important especially as Shiel Buses are reducing services.

Car share scheme mentioned. KA suggested car sharing. She would like to see it happen. Web based possibly and/or at centre. One member who was involved in the Lochaber car share scheme said there are quite a few regulations involved. Emphasis on community cohesion aspect of such a scheme, then IS talked about social benefits of reuse. Short discussion about the Reuse Project wanting a new site to make expansion possible and enable it to be more self-sustaining.

1. **Presentation of Accounts:**

Restricted/unrestricted funds query from a member – PK explained that restricted funds are those that come in for projects such as the centre or purchase of the van and cannot be used elsewhere.

No other queries

Approved: proposed – LC/ seconded PK

1. **AOB**

A Heating quotes- £7,000+ to be spent on new oil heating system.PK mentioned the expenditure so members are aware that it is happening.

B Jetties Trust – A meeting has been held with Hugh Donaldson a director of the trust. PK explained there will be some income for rental of boats/jetties/moorings. To go to a members/public meeting. A member commented the cost of insurance will be high (Public liability).

C Discussion of possible source of income from renewables e.g. Salen hydro scheme which was considered in the past may be worth revisiting. Wind a possibility but income not so good as hydro.

LC thanked all directors and BD for their hard work keeping ACC going. PK thanked everybody for coming.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm