**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARISAIG COMMUNITY TRUST**

**Wednesday 24 August 2016**

**Land, Sea and Islands Centre – 7 pm**

**Present:** Hugh Cameron (Chair) Heather MacDougall Gordon Stewart Julie Gordon

Iain Macniven

**In Attendance:** Rosemary Bridge (Minutes) **Apologies:** Mairi Orr

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None were declared.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  (21 July 2016) were approved.

**Proposed:** Julie Gordon Seconded: Hugh Cameron

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Toilets**  Heather Cameron was thanked for agreeing to take on interim holiday and emergency cover for care of the toilets. A timed switch for the outside light is now in place and will be adjusted accordingly as the darker evenings approach.

**Footpaths:** Following the recent meeting with the local access officer, a further meeting is to be held to discuss in some detail, planned improvements to footpaths in the local area. The original footpath plans will be accessed and used as the starting points. Some funding from Highland Council is available for the Arisaig, Mallaig and Morar area, although additional funding sources will almost certainly be required.

**Pension Obligation** Stage 4 of the process is now satisfactorily in place.

**Memorandum and Articles of Association** Some minor updating may be required and Iain Macniven is to look further at the document and forward information to Directors.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Toilets £4,600 Unrestricted £3,800 LSIC £14,500 Playing Field £660

Other grant money held by ACT: Gower Trust £2,175 (funding given to two organisations)

Bank Balance: (as at 23 August 2016) £28,218

The Comfort Scheme increase is currently not known. ACT is awaiting information from Highland Council.

**INCOME GENERATION/POTENTIAL PROJECTS**

**Coastal Communities Fund** – this application was not progressed as ACT did not meet the criteria.

**Awards for All** – Iain Macniven has partially completed this application. Gordon Stewart is to be the primary contact and will provide the financial information required. Copies of the partially completed document have been circulated to Directors.

**Police Mutual Fund** – no update on this currently.

**Growing Community Assets** This application is to be considered. Plans drawn up for the extension to the LSIC are to be revisited and discussed in detail at the next meeting.

**Robertson Trust Application** - to be progressed if the Awards for All application is successful.

**Community Grant Scheme** – ACT has received an invitation to apply. This has been launched by MacLeod and Macallum, Solicitors, Inverness and is aimed at helping to support local communities across the Highlands and Islands. The scheme is open to all local groups, charities and organisations, with small grants of £500 + one large of £1,000 being available. Applications to be received by 31 October 2016.

**LAND SEA AND ISLANDS CENTRE**

The Centre is reported to be busy. It is hoped that additional volunteers can be recruited.

**PLAYING FIELD**

Required tasks have largely been completed – fertilising, swing matting down, gates now closing properly, plinth in place for the seat. The next stage – development of the play area - is being planned and initially, Gordon Stewart will liaise with John Dempster on this. Three overnight tents were found in the field one night during the summer. Hugh Cameron will arrange for “No Camping” signs to be made for the gates. All those who assisted with work on the field were thanked for their input.

**WEBSITE**

A meeting is to be arranged where Mairi and Mungo Orr will lead a session to explore director input for updating of the ACT/LSIC website(s).

**AOCB**

**Arisaig and District Gardeners’ Club:** A letter was received from the Secretary of the Club asking if ACT would be willing to take forward a joint venture for the 2017 Arisaig Garden Trail. Directors agreed to this and a response will be sent.

**Annual Bonfire:** Arisaig and District Community Council will continue, as previously, to lead on the bonfire, with assistance from ACT.

**Electric vehicle charging point:** Progress re this is to be followed up with Scottish and Southern Electric.

**AGM**: It is suggested that the AGM be held in late October.

**West Highland Community Rail Partnership:** Suggestion for ACT to have membership will be discussed in full at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 28 September 20168