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

**Monday 11 January 2016**

**Land Sea and Islands Centre 7 pm**

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

Kate Mundell: Iain MacNiven

Alison O’Rourke and Sara Bellshaw (Project Development Managers) (PDM)

Rosemary Bridge (Minutes)

**Apologies:** None

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** Notes of inquorate meeting of 1 December 2015 were circulated to Directors. Minutes of 29 October 2015 were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Toilets £4,800: Unrestricted £4473: Playing Field £15,625 (committed) LSIC £11,169: Warmer Homes £79,620: Gower Trust £4,000.

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS REPORT** Circulated to Directors.

**INCOME GENERATION AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS**

Funding required  for  a storage facility - still awaiting outcome of discussions with HIE who may agree to contribute a proportion of the necessary funds.

New LEADER fund is about to open **Action:**  Julie Gordon to investigate timescale and criteria for applications.

ScotRail Cultural and Arts Fund application to be progressed (Arisaig Station)    **Action**:  Iain MacNiven

**LSIC/PLAYING FIELD UPDATES** Volunteers are currently keeping the LSIC open at week-ends and Mondays. Heating in the building reported to be efficient.

Playdale representative returns this week to further consider possibilities for the development of the play area. Equipment is expensive and health and safety considerations require that an expansive area of ground is available. Conditions of the lease to be checked. **Action:** Iain MacNiven Agreed in principle that the seat for the field should be on a concrete base.

**AOCB**  **Arisaig Primary School** Head Teacher has communicated indicating that pupils are interested in becoming involved with ACT. **Action:** Heather MacDougall to progress.

**ACT/LSIC Website** Alison Stewart has agreed to undertake development of the site. Rosemary Bridge to support if required.

**Memberships**  Directors approved new members: Saskia van der Plas (full membership) Jill and Arthur Whittaker (associate memberships)

**Co-opted Directors**     Those present at the meeting were invited to consider possibilities for co-opting new Directors  - the Board is currently short of one **elected** director, and there is scope to **co-opt** up to three more. This would increase the skill-set of the board, and help to ensure that meetings are quorate.

**Warmer Homes Fund** Clarity required to ensure understanding that ACT has no involvement in the work being carried out and thus no liability. **Action:** Iain MacNiven to liaise with Sara Bellshaw and draw up a letter for distribution.

**Community Council**    ACT Directors may also stand for the CC if they choose to do so - can be beneficial in helping the two organisations work together effectively for Arisaig.

**PDM(s)** request ideas for a final event (late February/early March) to mark completion of their work. (e g Pledges from community to continue their work/reduce carbon/involve school pupils)

**NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 9 February 2016 LSIC 7 pm