**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE ARISAIG COMMUNITY TRUST**

Land, Sea and Islands Centre

Tuesday 8 March 2014 - 7 pm

**Present**: Hugh Cameron: David Buick: Heather MacDougall: Gordon Stewart:

Joyce Wilkinson: Martine Wagenaar: Maggie Kane:

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

The meeting of Directors only, was called by the vice chair in order to discuss the recent resignation of the chair – Eve MacKenzie.

It was agreed that David Buick, as vice-chair, would chair this meeting, while indicating that he would prefer not to take up the position of chair on a temporary basis. In order that there would be time to finalise the annual accounts, the AGM could not be held until June. A full change of Directors would take place at that time and Hugh Cameron agreed to be chair in the interim period with David Buick continuing as vice chair.

Referring to an exchange of e mails between Eve MacKenzie and Alison Stewart, David Buick asked how the Directors could undertake to offer the LDO more support. There was unanimous agreement that this should happen.

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND – FUNDING AWARD

As there will be no advance payments until planning permission is granted and a building warrant is in place, it may be necessary to use Trust funds initially. The LSIC is now generating income, so it may be possible to access funding of between £10,000 and £20,000 in the interim. Directors agreed that LDO and Sam Foster progress the initial stages of the planning application.

Discussion ensued on the appointment of an Architect - would there be a necessity to have quotations from 3 Architects? In order that the public are made aware of early stage proposals to date and that they have the opportunity to feed in to the project, contact is to be made with Sam Foster to request that an early meeting to discuss the proposals takes place.

A Job Description for the Project Officer position (job share an option) has already been drawn up.

A letter to be written to Eve MacKenzie thanking her for her contribution to ACT.

Joyce Wilkinson to speak with Eve re Facebook page.

REPAIR TO WALL

It was agreed that an excellent job has been done but that it would be beneficial to continue a repair on some remaining sections. Directors agreed that a further 3 days or so work at a cost of around £300 be progressed.

PLAYING FIELD

Fencing to deter deer activity is to be erected around the playing field.

TOILETS

The Last Post Quiz Team donated £70 towards painting of toilets. Donation boxes were emptied prior to Easter - £40. Much discussion ensued on when to start work on the toilets although it was felt that the Easter holiday period should be avoided. It was finally agreed that informal communications should be made with work begun as and when people are available – appointment of a team leader to manage the process could be an option. Door hinges should be fixed soon though so that the doors will close properly.

David Buick thanked directors for their attendance.

**NOTE**

Eve MacKenzie is content to remain as a Director until the AGM in June, so will be a recipient of minutes from the meeting.

Apologies from Gordon Stewart, as he had intended to pass this information on to directors at the meeting.