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

Tuesday 26th May2015, at Tigh Og

1. **PRESENT:** Hugh Cameron (chair), Julia Gordon, Heather MacDougall,

Kate Mundell, Gordon Stewart, Martine Wagenaar

Also in attendance: Sara Bellshaw & Alison O’Rourke (*PDMs*),

Alison Stewart (*minutes)*

**APOLOGIES:** Rosemary Bridge (Minute Sec), Maggie Kane, Joyce Wilkinson

Hugh expressed thanks to Ronnie and Martine for their hospitality

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**: none
2. **MINUTES OF LAST FULL MEETING** (21st April) – approved

***prop****. Heather MacDougall*

***sec****. Kate Mundell*

1. **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Toilets** – positive reports on the toilets this season, and good donation levels are being maintained.

**Litterpick** – a successful morning, with a good turnout (11 people). Clean-up conducted round village and front bay area, boatyard shore, and Camus an t’Salainn bay

**HIE** – application for assistance – submitted, but no response as yet. GS will chase. ***action: GS***

**Big Lottery application – Growing Community Assets (LSIC) –** HM continuing to work of the detail of this, and aims to submit the application by the end of the week. ***action: HM***

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
2. **Funds in hand:** ACT general account, playing field, LSIC, toilets = £29,000
3. Approx. £12,000 has been committed from ACT’s own funds towards the LSIC refurbishment.
4. Pressure on funds due to loss of generated income at LSIC, caused by extended closure.
5. **PROJECT MANAGERS’ REPORT – *attached***

Additional discussion points:

1. Tight scheduling for remaining stages of the LSIC refurbishment. Completion should be achieved in time for 21st June. SB suggested possibility of including a ‘thank you’ BBQ for the building team.
2. Twizy electric car from Eigg – available in Arisaig for a short period for trial drive
3. Bike hire insurance – need to find a policy which will provide cover if rider is at fault.
4. Electric bikes will be on display at the LSIC/garden trail event, and will be available for use (2 ACT bikes, + 4 bikes on loan from Ness-E Bikes in Fort Augustus).
5. **INCOME GENERATION/POTENTIAL PROJECTS –** not discussed (*other than arrangements for fundraising Garden Trail/LSIC re-opening*).
6. **LSIC – BUILDING WORKS UPDATE – see Project Managers’ report**
7. **PLAYING FIELD –**
8. Work commenced on 20th May with field spraying. Main groundwork is scheduled to start on 1st June, with a view to completion by 18th June (weather permitting)
9. Works notices erected on field, and information sent to stakeholders.
10. Fencing - 3 quotes were obtained; contract offered to lowest tenderer, but unfortunately he was unable to start the work quickly. Contract has been offered to Seumus MacNeil of Acharacle. Materials are now on order, and he will commence the work on 28th May. The job should take 4 – 5 days. (2 sections will not be completed until plant vehicles have finished work on the field).
11. Application to be made to the Arisaig Fund for help with the fencing contract
12. Adventure play equipment – 3 quotes needed. HM, SB & A O’R to look for further suitable suppliers.
13. **AOCB -**
14. AGM – will be held in mid-September – date to be confirmed
15. Signage for bike hire and local produce – PMs asked for views on ‘sail’ signs - these proved not to be a popular choice. Possibility of adding to the existing LCIS banner sign to be investigated. (*AS to email photos of sign to SB*)
16. Sara briefly outlined a new energy fund launched by Energy Action Scotland, which could benefit Arisaig residents. She will research the fund further with a view to applying as soon as possible (closing date in mid-June).

1. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2015, 7PM** AT LAND, SEA & ISLANDS CENTRE (*WORK PERMITTING*)