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

Tuesday 21 February 2017

Land Sea and Islands Centre - 7 pm

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

Iain Macniven

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Heather MacDougall declared an interest in an item to be raised under AOBC - Application for funding - The Gower Trust.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** (18 January 2017) were approved.

Proposed: Gordon Stewart Seconded: Heather MacDougall

**MATTERS ARISING** – To be addressed later in the Agenda.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Toilets £4,925: Unrestricted £8,850: LSIC £14,500

Playing Field £380 Gower Trust £4,513 Bank Balance £34,269

Current Applications – Awards for All - £10,000 Heritage Lottery - £10,000

Thanks to Gordon Stewart and Iain Macniven for progressing Awards for All and to Alison Stewart for the Heritage Lottery.

**LSIC**  The centre is open at week-ends and half day Monday at present and preparations are in hand for drawing up rotas for the coming months. Alison Stewart is liaising with Arisaig SWI in the preparation of an exhibition to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the organisation. The launch date will be 17 June and the exhibition will continue through the summer. Alison Stewart is attending a study day at the Inverness Archive Centre on the impact of the First World War on Highland Communities. Alison is also progressing a Heritage Project - Stories, Stones and Bones. If the Heritage Lottery Application is successful this project is to further develop the Rhu Story. A representative from Sam Foster Architects is to make contact re changes to existing extension plans.

**PLAYING FIELD** Work on the climbing frame area is now finished. The next stage is the stepping stones logs and this will be started when the weather conditions are more suitable.

**WEBSITE**  A few minor changes to the ACT website draft text were suggested. Heather MacDougall noted these and will report back to MacDonald Orr Design.

**PENSION SCHEME** All steps required for the 1 February staging date were duly implemented. The next deadline of mid March requires that letters be sent to employees explaining how the Pension Scheme works and arrangements for contributions to start. A compliance checklist should be signed off by the end of June.

**COMMUNITY FUNDED HOUSING** Item raised by a local resident who was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Directors discussed the issue and will explore the matter further.

**AOCB**

**Toilets**  Julie Gordon updated Directors on progress. Only one quotation has been received to date and a timescale for starting this would be from April 2017 onwards. A VAT exemption will be applied for. Julie to continue to chase up the other quotations although it was suggested that perhaps ACT volunteers might manage to carry out some of the required work. An application to the Councillors Discretionary Fund is currently on hold until further quotations have been secured.

Transport Scotland – car charging points. This has been explored and it is concluded that as the fund is aimed at much larger projects it would not be appropriate in this particular case.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 29 March 2017

**GOWER TRUST APPLICATIONS**

(a) St Mary’s Parish Council - £250 Agreed

(b) Active Play - £450 Agreed

At this point Heather MacDougall left the meeting.

(c) Arisaig Primary School Parent Council - £200 Agreed

The above will be subject to approval by Arisaig and District Community Council.