Meeting of the Directors of the Arisaig Community Trust

Tuesday 28 May 2013

Land, Sea and Islands Centre – 7 pm

**Present:** David Buick Heather Cameron Hugh Cameron

 Maggie Kane Gordon Stewart Martine Wagenaar

 Joyce Wilkinson

**Chair:** Eve MacKenzie

**Minute Secretary:** Rosemary Bridge

**Local Development Officer:** Alison Stewart

**Apologies:** None

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

LDO circulated Register of Interest declaration forms to the new directors, to be completed in time for the next Board meeting. The Register of Interests is open for public inspection.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (30 April 2013)

Equipment shed awaiting erection – Hugh to co-ordinate labour.

Rubbish/recycling bins to be sited once shed is in position

UHI/WHC Axis 4 coastal tourism project application (submitted by WHC Centre for Tourism Research in collaboration with the communities of Arisaig, Mallaig & Morar). Request to ACT from applicants to make small amendment to funding section of application relating to community in kind contributions (asking for less, not more from ACT). This change is needed in order to fit the fund criteria. Approved. LDO to send written confirmation

**Station Building** - LDO to check the situation regarding use of rooms

**Local Fundraising** – Following discussion it was agreed not to alter the date of the Village Picnic (1 pm – 5 pm) despite a clash with the Arisaig House Open Day event. Non availability of the hall was not an issue as the field only will be used. Heather reported good support for the seniors v youngsters football match. David said that Terry Butcher of Caley Thistle had called indicating that there could be no involvement this year, but it is a possibility for the future.

Minutes adopted Proposed: Gordon Stewart

 Seconded: Martine Wagenaar

MATTERS ARISINGThere were no matters arising

ARISAIG POST OFFICE

Concerns were raised about the recent Oban Times article with the general view that the headline and opening words did not match the body of the text and that there had been a misrepresentation. The paper has been contacted in this regard. The content led to some members of the community being displeased with the article. Following discussions it was agreed that there should be a protocol in place in relation to press statements. Individual directors should not comment immediately when contacted, but rather should liaise with fellow directors and e mail a response.

Gordon reported that it was important for ACT to be on board, declare an interest from the start and look at options in order to achieve the best result for the village - in particular avoiding possible closure of the Post Office. The view was expressed that the Post Office Management has not necessarily gone about the public consultation in the best way. Other than house the service in the local shop, there are alternative models that can be put in place in rural areas and the question was posed whether or not ACT should take it on. David commented that he thought that ACT would only have got involved if closure was threatened. Agreed to await the outcome of the meeting on 20 June before any further decisions are taken.

LDO REPORT

Copies of this were distributed to all present.

**Notes**

Public Conveniences: Difficulties with storage of consumables. Martine to enquire as to whether Arisaig Marine would have space.

IT Sessions - LSIC Clarified that visitors require to bring own laptop if they wish to use wi fi. The LSIC equipment is not for public use. Possibility of village laptop + printer being provided.

Natural History talk – 26 June – time agreed - 7 pm

Application to Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund: Eve and Alison to progress

Local Fundraising: No stall at Games because of proximity of date to Craft Fair fundraising lunch (July 30). Picnic - borrow Hotel BBQ and bring own gas + food to cook. Eve to progress. Ducks again.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Gordon spoke to this. Joyce to continue as a signatory.

INCOME GENERATION/POTENTIAL PROJECTS

**Projects**

Discussion ensued on: (a) developments relating to the local plan – school/housing (b) small croft + allotments – drainage issue (d) adventure playground (e) Keppoch croft (f) village parking – can HC assist (g) restrictions relating to permission from estate always required - LDO to write to MacMillan family (h) agreed that any progress must be the correct course for the benefit of the village

**Income Generation**

Agreed that the new signage will raise the profile of the LSIC.

Regular income stream needed for the centre and a range of possibilities were noted. Paid person one day a week may be necessary. Sam Foster (Architect) will undertake a grant-funded feasibility study to improve fuel efficiency in the building?

Arrangement needed with power company as we do not have ownership yet. Eve to contact John MacEachen re bike hire

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Binoculars**

Eve to research purchase of a tripod and binoculars for use at LSIC

**Paving stones**

Work required on slabs outside LSIC

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 July 2013

7 pm

LSIC