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

Tuesday 26 September 2017 Land, Sea and Islands Centre 7 pm

**Present:** Hugh Cameron (Chair) Julie Gordon Kate Mundell Gordon Stewart

Pamela King Rosemary Bridge (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Iain MacNiven

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** (8 August 2017) After two adjustments the minutes were approved. Proposed: Kate Mundell Seconded Hugh Cameron

**MATTERS ARISING** **ACT logo** – plans to redesign to be discussed at a later date.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Toilets:** £4,230 **Unrestricted:** £1,410 **Project Fund:** £7,000 **LSIC**: £27,000 **Gower Trust**: £2,663 **Playing Field:** £275 **Bank Balance:** £43,875.58

**Defibrillator:** £5303.09

**Howling Events** - A West Lochaber charity set up to mark the Year of Homecoming in 2014, has been wound up. A balance of £1,300 has been transferred to the LSIC, to be used on a similar heritage project.

**Gower Trust** - Agreed to place an advert in the October issue of West Word, inviting applications from community groups/organisations/other good causes.

**Action**: **Rosemary Bridge**

**Treasurer** Following the Treasurer’s decision to stand down for health reasons, Kate Mundell has agreed to cover the position on an interim basis, with support from Rosemary Bridge. How to fulfil the Treasurer’s role will be discussed post AGM. The hand over process should now begin, to effect a smooth transition in November**. Action: Gordon Stewart/Kate Mundell/Rosemary Bridge**

**INCOME GENERATION**

A CCF (Scottish Government’s Climate Challenge Fund) application is currently being processed. No further information available re the Co-op Local Community Fund application. Correspondence has been received from Macleod and MacCallum (Solicitors, Inverness) announcing the launch of their 2017 Community Grant Scheme. ACT applied (unsuccessfully) in 2016**. Action**: Julie Gordon and Pamela King to progress a further application. Julie Gordon and Pamela King were thanked for the excellent work done on drawing up a data base of potential funding sources.

Directors agreed to begin progressing the car park improvements and the building of the storage facility, both at the lSIC. **Action:** **Hugh Cameron** - map out area and contact John Dempster. **Julie** **Gordon** – contact Knoydart Construction. Work also needs to begin on the charging point.

**LSIC**

Continues to be operating very successfully. Electricity costs, even with longer opening times and maintaining comfortable temperatures (not always possible before) are significantly reduced since the refurbishment.

**LSIC EXTENSION**

Contact to be made with Sam Foster (Architect) re the date for an open day when displays of the proposed extension will be on view for public comment. **Action: Pamela King**

**TOILET UPGRADE**

No further update.

**WEBSITE**

Pamela King reported that the ACT website is progressing well, although Directors require to provide further full historical detail on projects which have been carried out to date. Points of contact for ACT, destination of membership forms, feedback sheets, plus some other details, still require to be addressed.

**Action:** Directors to agree on how this will be done and by whom.

**COMMUNITY HOUSING**

Pamela King provided Directors with a detailed account of continued investigations into the possibility of  progressing a Community Housing project in Arisaig.   At a  meeting with the Communities Co-ordinator of the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust, guidance and useful information had been given to those attending.  A Housing and Community Survey to establish need in the area has been drawn up by the Communities Co-ordinator and quoted at £2,500 – this includes a full report and analysis.  This cost could be covered by funding.  The directors agreed that Pamela could continue the dialogue with the Scottish Land Fund with a view to applying for Stage 1 funding which would cover the survey cost and a detailed feasibility study.  Contact was also made with the landowners to notify them of these plans.  It may be appropriate for a separate housing working group to be set up to take the project forward. The Memorandum and Articles of Association  are being amended to ensure that ACT is compliant with the requirements of the Community Rights to Buy Legislation.  Ian Macniven and Pamela King will continue to work on this documentation.

**AOCB**

**AGM** Planned for Tuesday 14 November 2017 (or agreed date that week depending on Astley Hall availability). Advertise in West Word + arrange AGM paperwork. **Action: Rosemary Bridge** New printer for LSIC to be purchased. Directors will meet to arrange for assembling paperwork and distributing this to households. **SSE** power costs to be revisited. **Annual Bonfire** Arisaig Primary School Parent Council have requested permission to provide food and soft drinks at the annual bonfire.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday 23 October – 7 pm – LSIC.

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**NEXT MEETING - AGM - WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017**