**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

**Minutes of Directors Meeting held at Unit 1, Hagdale Industrial Estate, Baltasound**

 **6.30pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), Sarah (Vice chair), George Rodger, Colin Edwards-Horton, Di Hervey,

**Apologies:** S. Edwards-Horton, June Harrison, Jack Johnston, Frances Browne (Comm Dev.)

**Copies to:** Unst CC; Ryan Thomson, Alec Priest, Duncan Simpson (North Isles SIC Councillors), Kathleen Johnson (Dev Officer).

1. **Minutes of 13th March – matters arising**.

*Key Cutting equipment*. P&T have agreed to sell this to us. June and Kathleen to sort out where it will go and how it will work.

*PAT testing* – still to be purchased but Colin and George willing to train up. Sourcing suitable tester online (Gordon)

*Traidcraft agency* – we are now the agents but will be purchasing fewer items. Coffee and honey seems to sell well.

Minute approved Sarah, sec. George.

1. **UP Shop.** The Shop is now trading 6-8 on Thursday nights now. We will see how well it goes. A few more volunteers have come forward but we could do with a few more. We discussed the possibility of a paid co-ordinator after August but would be much reduced hours. Monday nights was often busy, taking in and cleaning and displaying, etc.

We planned to have a **Book Sale** on Sunday at the Farmers Market, in the Hall Library. **Setting up now on Sunday at 11am.** Gordon to book library as there will be quite a few books, 10p each.

1. **Skip scheme** – now planning to start on **Saturday 1st June, 10.45-1pm** as lambing still on in May. George away. Assuming we get at least 40 Annual subscribers (*31 as of 16/5/19 – GT*).
2. **Donations to groups**. We discussed how to use the profits from the Shop, once overheads were covered. The local Coastguard unit is looking to buy a Defibrillator. Agreed to provide half of this cost (£600) and to have a Participatory Budget event in September. We will have traded for one year by then and we could see what sum was available before asking groups to come forward with their “pitch”.

We also spoke about a Community Fund for individuals who may be needing funding for a course, item of equipment for work, or a hospital visit. Gordon to notify Health Centre, School, Housing officer and Kirks about this.

1. **Financial Report** – Bank statement circulated £18,612 on 14th April. Map adverts still to be paid for in some cases. We have funding to pay for key-cutting machine and PAT tester if required. Funds very healthy; we should be able to cover Skip scheme deficit and Participatory Budget event, as long as no larger costs were needing to be met.

The original “Unst Walkers are Welcome” site was taken down on 19th April as we cancelled the contract. It was costing £160 per year. We still pay a sub to the “Walkers are Welcome” organisation of £40 to be on their national site. Gordon is putting the original information onto a free website, still to be completed. He hoped to have it ready in May for visitors. The Walks folder also needs to be updated. It will be early June before that work is done. Existing folders are still out, except for the Gardiesfauld one which is being revised first.

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**Unst Tourist map** – due back from printers shortly, Gordon hoped to have it out for 1st May.

Sarah to collect if ready, or Di on 3rd May.

**Unst Cycle Hire** – Chas Hollis is giving this up and it does not seem as if anyone else wants to take the business on. He has 5 Men’s and 5 ladies bikes, plus equipment and a trailer. It was run through Saxavord, but neither they nor the Garage want to work with it. If the bikes cannot find a home, Chas will donate them to the Bike Project in Lerwick. Gordon has advertised it on our Facebook page but has had no response yet. One possibility is that pairs of bikes could be sold to the B&B providers, if they are interested.

**Date of Next Meeting:** **Weds 29th May, 2019 at Unit 1.**