**Unst Partnership Board Meeting minutes**

**11am, Tuesday 20th December 2022, Baltasound hall**

1. **Present:** Gordon Thomson, Sarah McBurnie, George Rodger, Joan Bailey, Don Craig.

**Apologies:** June Harrison, Di Hervey, Frances Browne, Colin & Susan Edwards-Horton, Kathleen Johnson.

**2. Matters Arising:**

***Key cutting*** – still to be advertised. Photos required before going online. (**Gordon, Di**).

***UP Hub, Hagdale*** – no further word on alternative premises. Sarah wondered about siting Polycrubs on the site to produce more food locally. It would require someone to manage the site plus volunteers. We still have three years before considering handing back the land.

***NTS Development Officer post*** – NTS have now advertised this post in the Shetland Times and hope to appoint someone in the New Year.

***NTS Properties*** – The NTS Property Committee met recently but we have not heard of any decisions yet.

***Fixed links group* *(Unst TAG)*** –Directors agreed that UP continue to pay hall hire costs for meetings. There are no other costs to be met at present.

***Tree planting***- there is still no land notified to us as available for planting.

***Participatory Budget***– we agreed to delay this until April/May and have advertised this in the winter newsletter. During Covid groups had been less busy. There has also been grant aid from other sources such as the Shetland Spaceport.

***ZETRANS “Travel/paths in Unst” Audit Meeting with Robina Barton, 27th Oct.*** This meeting highlighted different paths for walking and cycling in Unst. We have been asked to send a Letter of Support for a route from the housing at SHE/Nikkavord Lea to the School/Leisure Centre/Health Centre and agreed to do so. Directors considered the present road quite dangerous as there was no safe space on either side for people with pushchairs or the elderly who sometimes use it to visit the places above.

**3.Shop**

The Shop continues to do good business, with a very high turnout on the Christmas Trail night. It is now closed until the New Year.

**4. Skip Scheme** –The next Skip days will be held from 11-1pm **Saturday 28th January** and **Saturday 11th March**. The trailer has now been repaired.

**5. “Ootnaboot” Club**

Two events have been held so far for the Over 60’s club, a Soup and Sandwich lunch at Victoria’s Tearooms and a Christmas meal at the Balta Light. Both were fully booked up. Events in the new year will begin with a visit to the Saxavord Spacecentre on 18th January. A date for visiting the Distillery has still to be confirmed.

**6. Warm Winter provision**

After the recent snow causing power cuts across Shetland, Directors agreed to purchase a small supply of single ring gas stoves and some gas canisters. These could be loaned out to people in all-electric houses if they had no other fuel source.

Directors wondered whether the SIC or local halls could store a few gas room heaters. These were too bulky and too expensive for UP to store.

**7. AOCB** – Gordon said that he would be away from mid-February until mid-April but would keep in touch via email. VAT return not required until end of April.

**Date of Next Meeting – TBC nearer the time. Next Skip Day – Saturday 28th January 2023**