**Unst Partnership Board Meeting minutes**

**5.30pm, 4th July 2022, Baltasound hall**

**Present:** Gordon Thomson, George Rodger, Don Craig, Colin Edwards-Horton, Susan Edwards-Horton, Joan Bailey, Frances Browne.

**Apologies:** June, Sarah, Kathleen, Di.

**Matters Arising:**

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

*Skip Scheme* – went ahead on 11th June with 48 members signed up. **Next Skip day – Sat 20th August.**

*Co-opted Director* – person asked did not wish to serve as director.

*UP Hub, Hagdale* – no further word on alternative premises so we agreed to leave this for the present. AHS portacabins were thought to be sub-standard and unlikely to last well. Nissen hut at Hagdale is chock-full with Unstfest equipment, so no room for furniture.

*Age Concern* – see below

1. **AGE Scotland “Good Connections” fund**

Joan and Kathleen are working on a grant application to AGE Scotland, to fund a winter activity project. Up to £2500 was available to provide activities to combat isolation amongst the elderly. The project would involve trips out or activities once or twice a month through the winter months. Funding would cover transport, hall hire, donations to groups or companies providing activities, etc. The bid is due in by 31st July.

1. **Shop**

The Shop continues to trade well. There is a “Root it Oot” call for more goods at present.

1. **Halligarth contract bid**

The main business was to discuss whether to bid for a NTS contract that involved employing a Project Manager to look after the development of Halligarth house and woods, along with deciding how to display/record the artefacts from the Joy Sandison bequest. There was also the issue of what to do with the existing property in the Sandison bequest – houses at Houlland, Roselea and the Laggans.

After a lengthy discussion, we agreed that the project was too peripheral to our usual line of work and did not fully meet UP aims. It would involve a lot of work, managing staff and companies in different parts of Scotland. The budget available was not clear and it was difficult to work out how much time to devote to the project and what an appropriate rate of pay would be.

We decided not to bid for the work.

**NB** *Clea Warner, NTS Area manager, is coming to Unst on* ***Tuesday 2nd August*** *with some people involved in the project.*

**AOCB** None.

**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 22nd August, 5.30pm at Baltasound Hall**

**Next Skip Day – Saturday 20th August**