**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

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

**1.30pm on Wednesday 5th February 2020.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), Sarah (Vice Chair), George Rodger, Joan Bailey, Colin Edwards-Horton, S. Edwards-Horton, Di Hervey, Frances Browne (SIC Comm Dev.).

**Apologies:** June Harrison, Julie Thomson, Kathleen Johnson (Dev Officer).

**Copies to:** Unst CC; Ryan Thomson, Alec Priest, Duncan Simpson (North Isles SIC Councillors), Clea Warner (NTS).

1. **Minutes of last meeting (8th January) – matters arising**.

*Next Skip Day* is Saturday7th March*.* 1st Feb Skip Day went well.

*Ceiling mark –* Still to be looked at.

*Parking yard lights –* Ninian has now installed 5 LED lights. The payment for them will be split between the users of the area.

*Transition Turriefield* Saturday 14th March. Only 4 places left so quite good take-up. Indoor part in School with the option to look at Sarah’s area or possibly community allotments.

*“Big Hanna” – see Recycling Centre item.*

*Minute approved* by Sarah, sec. George.

1. **Shop Report**

Trade going well, with £19,195 raised since September 2018 and 7,010 customers. We are still keeping over the £1000 per month figure, helped recently by a large house sale.

1. **Halligarth**

Clea Warner, Area Head for NTS, visited Unst this week and spoke to Di and Gordonover lunch at Di’s. The Thistle Camps are planned for 6th-15th April and 31st August-9th September. Paul Banks will be liaising with the Camp group about work to be done. The groups will be staying at Belmont House and will also be doing work there.

There were some restrictions on the use of strimmers last year for Health and Safety reasons. Clea was going to check if volunteers could try to complete the necessary test certificate so that they could use power tools. This would be very useful for Halligarth, where grass and rosa rugosa is quite thick.

Clea also stated that **none** of the Sandison bequest had been spent on the property in Unst so far, it had all come from NTS Reserves. However, she said that NTS was willing to consider funding repair work if estimated first. We mentioned the house at Roselea as it appears to be open to the elements; and the pot-holes on the road to Lund, which have been an issue for a few years.

**Gordon** was going to contact Sandisons Ltd and SIC Roads about these two issues.

**Uyeasound Kirk**

Frances and Gordon explained what had been discussed at the meeting about Uyeasound Kirk on Tuesday night. 25 people were present and were keen to see the building remain as a community asset, with possibly occasional weddings/funerals/christenings still taking place there. A cinema/concert venue/recording area/gallery were all suggested, with a café or other facilities in the vestry. Various options were discussed as the Kirk could be going on the market quite soon. If a Community use of it was going to take place, it would need to be approved quite quickly, with a business plan. There were various issues with the building – it is B listed, has a sloping floor and the running costs and insurance costs were not clear. The Church of Scotland would probably look favourably on a suitable community project – but if not, it could go the highest bidder and be sold off for housing, etc. This had already happened with two kirks in Yell. Directors agreed in principle that UP could be a community body that bid for the property, although we would need funding to do so.

**Recycling Centre**

Kathleen had emailed details of what she had discovered about the site at Hagdale and approximate shed costs, which could be in the region of £60-£70,000.

We agreed to write to the Show Committee asking for a quote for land purchase at Hagdale. The area would have to be large enough to allow for future expansion. If we start relatively small, getting grant aid in the short term would be more achievable.

*“Big Hanna” composter*- we decided not to go ahead with this at present because there could be additional costs involved in Health and Safety licences for people working with this.

Frances reported on potential funding sources. For Big Lottery funding we need to show that the project was “community led” so we would need to show community support.

**Financial Report**

Bank balance on 5th Feb £18,818 although the lighting bill of £1686 was still to go through. No other major expenditure expected. Direct Debit for Insurance of £140 per month starting in March.

**AOCB** – none.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 9th March at 2pm in Unit 1, Hagdale.**