**UP Board Minutes, Monday 14th August, 3pm**

**Present:** Gordon, Sarah, June, Colin and Susan.

**Apologies:** Frances, Kathleen, Joan, Don, George.

**Previous Minutes (20/6/23):** approved.

**Matters arising:** work on the graveyard at Halligarth has now gone out to contract, Shetland Memorials doing work shortly.

**UP Shop:** Kathleen sent latest sales figures with £4148 taken in since the beginning of April with 2,146 customers. Shop still trading steadily, slight downturn for Unstfest and Tall Ships week.

**Skip day:** Garriock’s still to confirm they have booked ferries. Quite a few trailer pickups, mostly Baltasound area. *(Skip Day actually now 12-2pm due to heavy bookings on ferry.)*

**Show Day, Sat 26th August**: UP will have a table in Show shed. We are still looking for a few more raffle prizes. Star prize is Northlink return trip voucher. Rota at present: 11-12 Colin & Sue, 12-2pm June and Joyce, 2-3pm and 3-4pm slots still open. Shop to shut that day, but we could have some shop items at Show table?

**Repair Shop:** Frances suggested a “Repair Shop” event in the Baltasound Hall Library on same day as Sunday teas. We thought September 24th would give us time to get a few “experts”. Suggestions included Ross (Electrics), Kevin Parr, Steve Randall, Chris Creedy, Frank Roberts, Andrew Taylor (clocks). Still looking for name(s) for sewing or clothing repairs. An event like this might encourage people to think about a proper repair shed. We should keep looking at building a shed or finding larger premises for Shop and recycling, with solar panels to reduce heating costs.

**Tunnels** – UTAG and YTAG groups asked UP to open an account for funds towards a feasibility study. A separate account has now been created. Payments should be made to “Unst Partnership Ltd” but directed to a separate account number, **1037 3962**.

The Crowdfunding page on Facebook allows Gift Aid to be added. Gordon has contacted HMRC to register UP for Gift Aid so that payments made to this account by individuals can also qualify for Gift Aid, which is another 25% of the donation.

**AOCB** – a) June pointed out that we had not heard back from the Fire Service about a mural on the shed. Gordon to follow up with Matthew.

b) Gordon had met recently with John Clarkson (Home Energy Scotland adviser) and Josiah Lockhart (Changeworks Ltd) who wondered if UP and NYDC would be interested in getting a feasibility study done on installing Air Source Heat Pumps. They reckoned that these could save householders two thirds of their heating bill. The ASHP would connect to fan heaters in the house. These would not be connected to boilers, as that was a bigger job: fitting ASHPs and fan heaters would be 1-2 days as opposed to 1-2 weeks for a new ASHP boiler system. ASHPs would need to go on an “open” outside wall and could have a ten year lifetime. Gordon to check with NYDC on their thoughts.

**Date of Next meeting** – AGM on weekend of **16/17th September**.