**Unst Partnership Board Meeting minutes**

**5.30pm, Tuesday 2nd May 2023, UP shop**

1. **Present:** Gordon Thomson, Sarah McBurnie, George Rodger, Joan Bailey, Don Craig, Di Hervey, Frances Browne, Kathleen Johnson.

 **Apologies:** June Harrison, Colin & Susan Edwards-Horton.

1. **Matters Arising:**

*(Last meeting 22nd Dec 22. Gordon had been away for two months.)*

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

***UP Hub, Hagdale*** – no further word on alternative premises. We have the site until March 31, 2028 before it has to be sold back to the Show committee.

***Tree planting***: Some trees have recently been planted at Unst Health Centre but we have not been notified of any suitable sites. There are two people interested in assisting with planting if any sites can be made available.

***Participatory Budget****:* we agreed to delay this until after summer. If any groups are seeking funding before that, they should contact the UP office. Sports clubs have good sponsorship from the Spaceport at present.

***Warm winter provision***: we have purchased a supply of small gas rings and gas canisters for anyone caught out with power cuts, as happened this winter.

***Zetrans***: Paths and cycle paths from Nikkavord to School/ULC – no further progress.

**3.Shop**

A printout was issued with shop trade figures for the financial year 2022-23. We took in £13,612 and there were 5,191 customers through the door. Last year there was £13,570 taken in and 4,476 customers. Shop manager Kathleen Johnson pointed out that there had been fewer house clearances this past year, but that we are starting to get better quality goods coming in. We decided to open as usual during UnstFest. We are always on the lookout for new shop volunteers. Kathleen was congratulated for her efforts.

**4. Skip scheme**

A new skip scheme is due to start but will cost £4800. Shetland Spaceport have generously agreed to sponsor us again, for £1800. That leaves £3000 to be raised from memberships. It was agreed to keep the annual fee £60 and one-off £25. If we can sign up about 50 members we should be able to start on Saturday 3rd June with first collection. Gordon to check caaing dates before putting out the 5 final dates for the rest of the year. Payment can now be made by card at UP shop, cash, cheque or BACS.

The proposed Skip days are from 11-1pm on **Sat 3rd June, 19th August, 30th September, 18th November, 27th January, 9th March 2024.** *(No clash with Caaing dates.)*

**5. “Ootnaboot” Club**

The Winter programme has concluded, with 7 activities around the island. These included a visit to the Distillery and Heritage Centre, Uyeasound Galley shed, a chip supper night with Social Dancing at Baltasound Hall and an Easter Mystery tour. We received grant aid from the SIC Winter Activities fund (£2100) and AGE Scotland (£1000) but the project went over the projected budget by £1,100, with UP covering this. However, there had been a lot of positive feedback and those that took part had greatly enjoyed getting out and about again.

We have funding for summer events (£3650 from Voluntary Action Shetland and £1,000 from AGE Scotland). Activities planned include a trip to Fetlar, a trip to the Old Haa in Yell and a bus trip to the Tall Ships event in Lerwick in July if a bus is available.

**6. AOCB** – **Table top sale** - There was some concern about a Table-top sale at the Leisure Centre taking trade from the UP shop but it did not appear to be a regular event.

**Halligarth** – The National Trust for Scotland has appointed Stewart Douglas as the new Development Manager for Halligarth. He and Sheona Leonard plan to meet with UP Directors on Weds 17th May. Di offered lunch at her house. The house nearby Halligarth at Roselea has been put up for sale.

**Finances**: 30/4/23 £34,799 in account. About £4650 of that is Restricted for the Ootnaboot Club grant. No other outstanding expenditure. £2100 grant due from SIC for Winter Activities Fund after vouching check.

**Date of Next Meeting –– Tuesday 20th June at 5.30pm**