**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

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

 **6.30pm on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), Sarah (Vice Chair), Colin Edwards-Horton, S. Edwards-Horton, Di Hervey, Frances Browne (Comm Dev.), Kathleen Johnson (Dev Officer).

**Apologies:** June Harrison, George Rodger, Joan Bailey, Julie Thomson.

**Copies to:** Unst CC; Ryan Thomson, Alec Priest, Duncan Simpson (North Isles SIC Councillors), Kathleen Johnson (Dev Officer), Frances Browne (Comm Dev.).

1. **Minutes of last meeting and AGM – matters arising**.

*PB event:* This had gone well, six groups presented with cheques for £500 – Unst Junior Netball, Uyeasound Hall, Gardiesfauld Youth Centre, Unst Boating Club, Unst Sen Citizens Lunch Club, Ability Shetland. Only one group was unsuccessful and Frances said she could advise them on other funding.

Frances is keen to put details of the event on the SIC Community website. She thought this was the first non-Community Council PB event. **Gordon** to forward documents to her.

*Key Cutting equipment*: June had now taken this over. Equipment in Di’s garage at present. Callum Robertson, ex of Unst and now running a DIY shop in Lerwick, might be persuaded to come and advise us.

*PAT Tester* : purchased and being used. We will have a training scheme for those willing to use it – **George, Colin, Gordon**.

*AGM* – Hazel Spence had stood down and Julie Thomson was appointed as Unst CC rep. Joan Bailey also appointed. **Gordon** to register them with Companies House.

*Members list* – needs to be updated. We have over 100 members but should keep this updated to have at least 10% of community signed up. We have about 25% of population over 18 signed up but could always do with more.

*Recycling Centre* – Our Application to Climate Challenge Fund had not gone forward to Stage 2. See main agenda item.

Minute approved Sarah, sec. Di.

1. **Election of Office Bearers**

*Chair* – Gordon, proposed by Di Hervey, sec. by Sue Edwards-Horton

*Vice Chair* – Sarah, proposed by Gordon, sec by Sue Edwards-Horton

*Company Secretary* – George, proposed by Sarah, sec by Colin Edwards-Horton

No other nominations.

1. **Skip Day**

Next Skip Day is Saturday 2nd November, the day after the Hall Sale in Uyeasound. Gina and Chris to assist with trailer, Geordie and Dick attending plus possibly Jim Anderson and James Farren. Gordon away but will leave keys with Aileen for Northside. Times as before, 11-1pm.

1. **Hall Sale**

Kathleen is organising a Sale on Friday 1st November in Uyeasound Hall, starting at 7pm with an Auction for some items and table top/hall display of other items. Doors open 6.30pm. Kathleen to advertise so that folk know to come before 7 if they want to view goods. Hall should be open during the week to take in goods. We have several larger items of furniture that we cannot store in the shop. Again, Chris and Gina can transport away unsold items. Janice Priest will keep a book for the Auction.

The Kirk sale was on the Thursday night and Kathleen is going to look at any leftovers to see if we can sell them on the Friday.

Available on Friday/Sat: Colin, Sue, Sarah, Joan, Kathleen. Possibly George or June. Gordon away.

1. **UP Shop**

Shop sales continue to be very good, now standing at £14,173 after 13 months trading and 5,508 people through the door in that time. Kathleen said home-made preserves were selling well; moving items on and not having shelves too cluttered also seemed to help sales. The October De-clutter scheme had brought in a lot of goods, although there was likely to be a downturn in Nov/Dec with Christmas coming on.

More volunteers were needed, particularly for the Monday night when goods need to be unpacked, checked and cleaned.

Kathleen was commended once again for her work on getting the Shop running so well.

1. **Recycling Centre**

The bid to CCF had been turned down but there could be other funders to support a project. Various sites were spoken about and it was felt that a paid person would be best to take this project on if it were to go ahead, possibly using Shop funds. Frances offered to find out some other possible funders. We had a study on a Recycling Centre Study done some years ago and Gordon would see if some of this could be updated.

The Centre could be used for repairs, teaching new skills, a Laundry, Men’s Shed making furniture, Horticulture, etc. A Container was not considered suitable, unless it had heating.

(Joan sent a list of funders on the Scottish Men’s shed page <https://scottishmsa.org.uk/funding/> )

Sarah said food security could be a bigger issue in the future. Growing your own would become more important. “Transition Turriefield” members, who had held a Climate Conversation in Yell recently, funded by the Scottish Government, were willing to come to Unst for a Growing Workshop at some time convenient to us. We need to think about what sort of course was best. Using a polytunnel or polycrub? Basic growing?

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1. **Halligarth**

Di outlined a recent meeting at short notice with the National Trust for Scotland who look after Halligarth, part of Joy Sandison’s estate bequeathed to them. There did not seem to be much work being done to the site but there had been a Thistle Camp group up over the summer to tidy up the woods, walls and field area. There are plans to make the house look more presentable on the outside, replacing tiles, but no more than that. Grass cutting used to be a regular contract for a local firm but had been discontinued some years ago.

The NTS asked us for local contacts for maintenance; we have offered to administer a small fund for this if required.

1. **Ceiling Leak**

There was still a damp patch in the north corner of the office. Gordon to arrange another investigation of it.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th December, 6.30pm at Unit 1.**