**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

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

**on Wednesday 11th April 2018.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), N. Jamieson (Minutes), L. Sinclair, D. Hervey, C. Edwards-Horton.

**Apologies:** S. McBurnie, J. Macaulay, S. Edwards-Horton, F. Browne.

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

1. **Matters arising from Minute of 7th March**.

26/3 Scottish Land Fund had agreed funding for purchase of Unit 1 and 1 year funding for a part-time 15hpw Development Officer post (total £38,469). The next step would be to draw up documents and advert for that post.

28/3 SIC Planning Dept had approved Change of Use from class 4 (Industrial unit) to Class 1 (Retail) to allow the second-hand shop to go ahead.

1. **Second hand shop.** One resident had asked about whether we would run a Thrift shop system, where donors received money back on donations. It was felt this was a possibility but would need to be carefully monitored. If we could show that donations were supporting skip scheme and local groups, that may get sufficient support. More expensive items could be advertised privately or online if owners wanted to see a return. PAT testing – we had one person who had agreed to PAT test items for a small fee.
2. **Tourism Map** – the proofs for the Map were now at Shetland Litho and 5,000 copies of the map should be out in a few weeks.
3. **AGM** – Planned for Wednesday 25th April in Baltasound Hall Library. Three Directors normally step down under constitution. J. Macaulay was not seeking re-election and possibly Susan Edwards -Horton as she was south. One other Director would then seek re-election or step down.

Accounts still to go to Bridgette Thomason but hopefully they would be ready for AGM.

We spoke about ideas to attract people to the AGM. Table top sale?

1. **Halligarth Project**

Minutes of the two recent meetings were circulated. Norma to attend next meeting on Friday 20thApril, 2pm at SAT Offices.

1. **Foodbank**

Lauren Peterson of Shetland Health Board recently met with Gordon and Jane to discuss this. The idea was to have UP as a collection point for cans which had been gathered from baskets in local shops. Lauren still had to speak to local shops about this. Directors were agreeable to the UP Office being a “holding point” for can distribution but would not be involved in distribution. This would be done through Social Work or Health Board staff.

(Lauren also mentioned second-hand goods being used to support people arriving here without household goods/furniture. GT)

1. **Financial Report-**

Gordon had transferred phone business to a different provider to try to get a cheaper deal. This does not affect email addresses or phone number. Funds at 6th April £7550.27

**Collaster Dig** – all expenditure claims now in. Trails leaflet is still to be published and a more detailed evaluation report is required. The project is almost complete.

Our **lease** will need to be renewed beyond 23rd April as HIE have still not approved the Community Asset Transfer. They now say this could be end of May. We will need to extend the lease until purchase is complete.

1. **AOCB**

**Energy schemes** – Colin pointed out that there is a solar panel scheme running with high uptake in Fife. May be worth considering for residents here?

**Tourism funding** – Norma pointed out the new Community Tourism funding now available for Tourism projects in the Highlands and Islands had £6M available. Frances Browne had more information on this. Bids need to be in by July 2018. <http://www.visitscotland.org/business_support/advice_materials/funding_opportunities/rural_tourism_infrastructure.aspx>

**Furniture** – 2 Large wardrobes available (Foysters 711345).

**Skips** – New scheme to start after AGM, to be advertised at Farmers Market **(29th April)**. Next skip day should be end of May, early June. (SAT no longer taking white goods or household items from households but SIC will, for £30 (£10 for those on benefits.)

**Date of Next Meeting – AGM, Weds 2nd May** (not 25th April as previously stated) **in Baltasound Hall Library**