**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

**Minutes of Directors Meeting held at Hamar, Baltasound**

 **6.30pm on Monday 11th February 2019.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), George Rodger, Colin Edwards-Horton, Jack Johnston.

**Apologies:** S. Edwards-Horton, S. McBurnie (Vice Chair), June Harrison, Frances Browne (SIC), Di Hervey, Kathleen Johnson (Development Officer).

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

1. **Minute of 9th January and Matters arising**.

*Trailer* lights and wheel now fixed. Trailer needs to be moved into usual parking place. (Gordon)

Key now found and a new spare has been ordered.

*Insurance on Assets, Building and Contents* Now paid for the year £1398 through Access Insurance.

All our assets and property are covered for Public Liability, incl. polytunnels.

*Fence donation* to school still to be made. (Gordon)

*Window sign* (Gina Ritch) still to be done.

*Water mark on ceiling.* Danny Witt from Sandisons checked this out from loft and outside but did not think it was serious. Possibly due to condensation on coldest part of ceiling. (We discovered a large number of Telecroft files in loft which will need to be disposed of! Gordon to contact Josie.)

*Newsletter* – still to go out to shops. Gordon suggested making it January/February on front page as time had slipped.

*Equity Project* Nina Homso from SIC coming to speak about this on **7pm, Monday night, 18th Feb,** in BJHS Music Hut, as part of Unst CC meeting.

George and Colin approved the Minute.

1. **UP Shop**

The shop continues to trade well with a steady income from the Thursday and Saturday openings.

Key-cutting – still no reply from P&T Coaches about whether they wished to sell us their key-cutting equipment. Another suggestion was that a volunteer cut keys in the garage, and some shared sale could take place, splitting money taken in with the garage shop.

Application form for donations – still to be drafted (Gordon).

PAT testing – still to be decided if we go ahead with this.

New Goods - We now stock Jams and Chutneys from a local supplier.

1. **Next Skip Day - Saturday 9th March**

Two skips had been ordered. Gordon, George are available so far. 10.45 – 1pm at Baltasound Pierhead. Sarah to confirm if she can do trailer pick-up. Gordon to check with other Directors and Jim Anderson.

1. **Community Share Offer**

Representatives from each of the North Isles Development groups (UP, Fetlar DC, North Yell DC, Mid Yell DG and Burravoe DG) were asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday 13th Feb to discuss taking out shares in Energy Isles’ proposed Windfarm project in North Yell. Energy Isles were offering 5 Shares of £10K each to Community groups. Mark Brennan of CARES was going to be there to discuss how groups could get Loan funding through CARES to take advantage of this. The loan would be paid back, with accumulated interest, once the Project went ahead. If it did not go ahead, the Scottish Investment Bank would cover the CARES loan, so Community groups were not taking on any risk or putting up their own money. But it could be some time before the loan and interest were paid off. Only then would groups benefit from the Interest. The project was planned to begin in 2023 and be operational by 2025.

Colin proposed that we agree in principle to get involved and this was agreed. Gordon and Sarah and Gordon would attend, with Frances Browne, SIC Community Development.

1. **“Space For All” Project**

Gordon explained about a project by Jane Macaulay and Catriona Waddington to bring up an inflatable Planetarium project here as part of UnstFest. They required a body to apply for grant funding and wondered if we would do it, similar to the Collaster project we managed for NTS. It fitted in with Jane and Catriona’s “Dark Skies” project and could also be linked to the work of the proposed Satellite centre. The planetarium itself was likely to be situated in one of the Supply buildings at Saxavord as it was planned to run over three days and would not suit a Hall so much as it would need to be taken down when other events were on at night.

We agreed to assist with this, asking for a small sum to cover our admin and book-keeping costs.

1. **Financial Report**

Bank figures for 11th Feb show Balance of £10,809. Insurance for the year has already been paid (£1398 to Access Insurance). We have purchased a freezer through the Fair Fund programme and this is covered by a still–to-be received grant of £800 from Fair Food fund. It will be sited at Unst Leisure Centre for access by Health staff. Feed in Tariff payment from turbine for July-Dec went in at £793.

**Date of Next Meeting: 6.30pm, Unit 1, Hagdale, Baltasound on Wednesday 13th March 2019**