**Unst Partnership Ltd.**

**Minutes of Directors Meeting held at Unit 1, Hagdale, Baltasound, Unst**

 **6.30pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019.**

**Present:** G. Thomson (Chair), Sarah (Vice chair), George Rodger, Colin Edwards-Horton, Di Hervey, Frances Browne (Comm Dev.)

**Apologies:** S. Edwards-Horton, June Harrison, Jack Johnston

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

1. **Minute of 13th February and Matters arising**.

**Newsletter still to go out** - Gordon to make it Spring newsletter.

**Keycutting** - The Garage had agreed to sell this to us. We need to find a space for it and a way of working with it.

**PAT Testing** – Colin and George interested in learning how to test items.

**FairTrade** – We agreed to purchase the remaining stock and become the agent for Unst, but with a reduced number of items.

**Community Share Offer** – no more news from other North Isles groups, who still had to discuss.

**Minutes approved by George, sec Colin**.

1. **Shop** - It was proposed that we open 6-8 on Thursdays instead of 2-4 from April. Notices to go in shops (although roadside sign still says 2-4).

As we had some house contents to dispose of and several other large items, we agreed to hold a Hall sale in Uyeasound Hall on Saturday 23rd March at 6pm.

Kathleen was in the process of making up a new rota, looking for new volunteers.

1. **Skip Scheme** Last year’s scheme had been a success. We discussed ideas for next year and whether to reduce rate. Directors agreed to keep rate the same, as contract cost had gone up by £50 per skip day, now £4233. Annual memberships would cover about half of this, with one-off drops reducing costs by a further £360 approx. That would leave UP covering the rest, roughly £2000. We now needed to advertise and get members signed up for the new scheme, hopefully beginning late May/early June.
2. **Donations to Groups** – Gordon showed a draft application form for groups requesting grant aid.

Frances explained the Participatory Budget project, operating in other parts of Shetland, and how groups could also apply for this as a source of funding.

*We agreed to consider all this more fully at next meeting.*

1. **Financial Report**

Bank figures for March 6th showed a Balance of £18,630, much higher than last month, as we had just received Quarterly grant from Scottish Land Fund for Running costs and the VAT repayment from Unit 1 purchase.

The Shop was taking in £50 -£100 per opening, sometimes more. Income is approximately £1000 per month so far, much higher than the anticipated £300-£400 per month.

**Date of Next Meeting: 6.30pm, Unit 1, Hagdale, Baltasound on Wednesday 24th April 2019**