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| **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**  |
| Date: | Thursday 27th January 2022 |
| Time: | 6pm |
| Location: | An Cridhe |
| Present: | Nic Smith, Sam Rutherford, Romayne Wainwright, Lavinia Maclean-Bristol, Heather Davis, Brian MacIntyre, Chris Holmes |
| **Agenda items** | **Actions** |
| 1 | **Welcome and Apologies:**All directors present. LMB welcomed Chris Holmes, the successful applicant for the An Cridhe manager’s job, started on the 4th January. Chris outlined a portfolio of interesting ideas that he would like to investigate and initiate with emphasis on making An Cridhe as welcoming and inclusive as possible.  | Chair  |
| 2 | **Declaration of interest:**  None |  |
| 3 | **Review of actions from previous meeting:**The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for inspection. They will be presented along with these minutes at the next meeting. | LMB |
| 4 | **Minutes of previous meeting**: Unable to be proposed or seconded until the next meeting. |  |
| 5 | **Finance Update:** Alison emailed through the financial update, including the December budget report.**Funding** The Scottish Hostel fund, administered by Visit Scotland, has a top up fund being delivered in January and February. A response has been sent to the offer letter and, if we meet the criteria, we will receive top up funding.  | AJ/CH |
| 6 | **Management Update for Coll Bunkhouse and An Cridhe:**The bunkhouse prices are to be reviewed, informed by an investigation of bunkhouses offering similar facilities. A rise in prices could mitigate for losses suffered if An Cridhe space were to be made cheaper for locals. Chris would be pushing An Cridhe to be seen as more of a community hub. He suggested that An Cridhe could offer a portal for islanders needing to privately access advice on a range of subjects. It was felt appropriate that a computer and space could be made available, but that A & B Council advice be sought as to what links/paperwork could be made available **by them**, and that DC and An Cridhe be clearly distanced from any kind of advice being sought or given. Chris is planning to re-promote the bunkhouse online, improve our Instagram and twitter profiles, submit articles to online travel magazines, and invite selected bloggers and vloggers in and out of season to raise our profile. The shared space is to be shuffled, with art and shelved goods moved around and updated. Chris will investigate the feelings of the stall holders and shelf-users as to the appropriateness of a small fee. Hockey is now back on following the lifting of covid restrictions. The U3A has started using the hall and the meeting room. Future discussion must be had about the impact that the use of the hall and the gym at the same time is having on users. Chris suggested the potential of a dividing panel at the front of the stage, or ultimately a separate gym building. Aggregate is need on the road and in the campervan parking area. The wooden planters are reaching the end of their lives, Chris to investigate replacements. | CHCHCHCHCHCH |
| 7 |  **AOCB**The half marathon has been set for the 20th August 2022.Brian has offered to start looking into the availability for funding for a community minibus. | BM |
|  8 | The next meeting will be held at An Cridhe at 6pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022. |  |
| **Signed:** |  | **Date:** |  |