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Sunart Community Company Board Meeting

Date: 4th October 2017

Venue: Sunart Centre

1) Welcome and Apologies:

Attending: J Tyldsley (JT) Chair, J Hilder (JH) Treasurer, D Barker (DB), J Jones (JJ) Secretary, L Cameron (LC), J MacKinnon (JMCK) I Baker (IB), C Millar-Craig (CMC) A Williams (AW), J Madden (JM)

Apologies: K Campbell (KC), P Grubb (PG), K Proctor (KP)

There were no urgent matters arising from the board meeting of 23rd August 2017.

This meeting was given over to reviewing progress and to update the business plan. JH had produced a table of SCCompany Plan Review 2017 where Items were colour coded (see attached), which was discussed

An item discussed in detail was fundraising, which took a large part of the meeting. In the past the Burger stall and Christmas Auction have been the main means together with the Duck Race, however, we now have two staff and there is now a need to fund raise and generate income. Ideas were floated and discussed this included: Lottery Fund; a Friends of Strontian and Sunart; Entertainment such as Ceilidh; Gaelic Culture a Burns Night or St Andrews Night. Using Just Giving or crowd funding

George Fox's Collection and legacy and the desire to have this exhibited in the village, subject to the family's wishes, was another item.

James asked for board member's views and reflections. Points noted included:

- Dail Mhor and the village hall – what will happen in the future?
- Transport – impact, etc. There is someone in the community wishes to explore an electric car scheme; a electric car charging point is an idea, there is one at every Calmac terminal (we think); Lift share; Car Lochaber – Fort William; T Dobson does lifts; there is social media used by some for lift sharing; Minibuses? And Morven on the Move. Conclusion was there might be a project to apply for funding a feasibility study and it needs a person and group to move this forward.
- Life-long learning – For young people; working in the area; its about training and building capacity for the future
- Dail Mhor – NHS view of 6 bedded care homes is that they are not viable; long-term care resourcing and a care village is one NHS model, however, people prefer to stay in their own homes. There are huge changes in profile of the care needs and it is respite care that needed. Lochaber has a growing need for care in the future. The complex was fit for purpose in the 70s and will need to be reshaped for the future. GPs are not part of the medical input.
- Further points on health partnerships, the surgery, NHS nurses station were discussed

For the future we need to decide the direction of travel for :

- Longriggg
- George Fox Heritage and legacy
- Dail Mhor Care Home
- Partnerships:
 - Funding
 - NHS?
- Forestry:
 - Glen Hurich
 - Polloch car park