

<p>Alison has been in touch with Planning Aid Scotland (http://pas.org.uk/), an organization which enables planners to offer their expertise to communities. (Alison explained that they worked successfully with the Isle of Rum Community Trust to identify potential house sites, after the Trust had reached an impasse with the council and SNH (which owns most of Rum). The Council is now advising communities to get PAS involved). There is funding available from the Scottish government to pay for this (https://beta.gov.scot/publications/charrette-programme-activating-ideas-fund/). The board agreed that this should be postponed until after the consultations with the estate and the result of the Estate Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Philp (ACC's contact at HIE) will attend the next board meeting to follow up on training provided through HIE in May. It was noted that only two of the current board directors had attended that training. 	
<p>Trading Subsidiary report</p>	
<p>Alison presented the trading subsidiary report to the ACC board (this will be the dual director's responsibility in the future):</p> <p><u>AppleNet</u></p> <p>The new WHAN (West Highland Access Network) connection is being tested in Arnisdale at the moment and then communities will be added one by one, AppleNet is furthest north so will be last. When community schemes join the leased line in Mallaig a trial period was offered for 2 months which will be heavily subsidised. It will enable AppleNet to monitor usage in the community in order to establish an average monthly cost and the increase in subscription price. This is to be trialed over winter months. Once AppleNet has gathered results from the trial period all subscribers will be informed of all upcoming changes.</p> <p>Owen has offered to take action on spreading the word in the community regarding the search for potential new hands on members of the AppleNet team.</p> <p>The ACT board discussed AppleNet's possible involvement in broadband service delivery to Torridon Hotel (using backhaul from Shieldaig via Two Loch Radio mast). Sean and Alison met with Calum Stiven (CBS), Dan Rose-Bristow (Torridon Hotel) and Alex Gray (Two Loch Radio) to discuss a possible broadband scheme for the Torridon Hotel. There was little enthusiasm about going through the CBS funding process for this. It's also possible that there will be access to upgraded BT connections in the area, which would rule out CBS funding. Dan is willing to put enough money in to get broadband set up for the Hotel.</p> <p>The board decided that priority has to be given to the consolidation of the AppleNet system at the moment, but possible involvement in the Torridon Hotel service (in maintenance and/or admin) is still up for discussion. The attraction of this would be that providing support services has the potential to boost income to AppleNet.</p> <p><u>Filling station</u></p> <p>The filling station carries on performing well and the sales are improving.</p> <p>Last month we have sold just over 24 000 ltrs of fuel bringing in £19,756.74 of income. (Zuzana explained that it's not possible to easily provide useful information on profit levels on a monthly basis, as several of the items of major expenditure are paid annually.)</p> <p>The board requested to see the written document that details the relationship between the Parent company and the Trading subsidiary as some directors are still not clear on how the whole company operates. (Post meeting note: Alison emailed all directors (both boards) with links to document at Companies House website and explained the relationship between the two companies. ACT has 1000 shares, but only one of these is allocated and that is to ACC. The ownership of that one share is included in the information provided in ACT Confirmation Statement (this is a document that has replaced the Annual Return).</p> <p>Alison will produce a draft written lease of the FS between ACC and ACT for the next meetings of both boards.</p>	<p>AM</p>

Financial report	
<p>Alison produced income and expenditure summary for July 2016. Zuzana and Elodie will be producing the financial report in a future, using a template provided at the training.</p> <p><u>Income:</u> £175 donations from public toilets (PT), £30 Jack Marris for advertising at PT, £565 from calendar sales</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> £720 Sean’s wages, £338.12 Nano stations, £29.95 Plexus for BB hosting, £300 Anna cleaning, £14.37 bank charges</p>	ZV EM
Projects	
<p>Alison has presented her monthly report to the board (the report is saved in director’s Dropbox folder):</p> <p><u>Housing</u></p> <p>Funding application was submitted to Scottish Land Fund/HIE for development funding which will allow ACC to progress the project to the next stage where we can apply for stage 2 funding to buy the NHS land. Expression of Interest (EOI) was submitted to NHS Highland for purchase of land as well.</p> <p>SSE Sustainable Development grant and Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund are already in place.</p> <p>Meeting with DTAS, HSCHT, NHS and ACC are planned in a near future.</p> <p>Meeting is organized after lunch club on 7th September 2016 to discuss community led care, involving Dr Duffy, NHS Highland Manager, social worker and staff from Highland Community Care (working in Black Isle area).</p> <p><u>Broadband</u></p> <p>Alison attended a meeting with WHAN in Sleat on 8th August. The Mallaig connection is now in place and is being tested in Arnisdale. (More details are in the Trading Subsidiary report).</p> <p>Alison has contributed to Scottish Rural Action’s report to Scottish Government on current state of community broadband. This report will be presented to Fergus Ewing (Cabinet Secretary for Connectivity).</p> <p>Preparations of EOI in LEADER funding for broadband development officer is underway.</p> <p><u>Toscaig Pier</u></p> <p>Nothing to report at the moment due to the main Consultant being on holiday</p>	

<p><u>Local Energy Use</u></p> <p>Alison attended a meeting in Inverness re LCITP (Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme) funding which may be available towards costs of installing an updated version of private wires scheme. EOI to be submitted by 15th September.</p> <p>ACC is through to the second stage of a competition run by Marks and Spencers for £12,500 to be spent on a community energy project.</p> <p>(Note: more information displayed on ACC's Facebook page).</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Please can all directors encourage all their contacts to vote for our project "Applecross Energy" https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/applecross-energy</p> <p><u>Website</u></p> <p>A quote was accepted from Emma Noble to create the new website. Alison has started to put wording together for the website.</p>	All
AOB	
<p>A separate meeting was suggested to discuss Risk Management Strategy in the future as this will be time consuming. Once set up it will be reviewed every 6 months at board meetings.</p> <p>All board members will read through materials provided by Alison regarding the Risk Management and give all points a thought.</p> <p>More points covered in AOB are to be discussed at the next meeting!</p>	All
Date of next meeting	
4 th October 2016 at 7pm	All

Meeting closed at 10.50pm