Minutes of Ullapool Museum Board Meeting. 6th January 2025, 10:15am.

Present:- Siobhan Beatson, August Maclean, Penny Stewart, Neil Lebeter, and Erik Lundberg.

Apologies:- Mhairi Muncaster and George Hobbs.

1. Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were proposed by NL and approved by PS.

2. Accreditation

We have got confirmation over the Christmas break that our accreditation has been approved and is being put ahead to the panel with full recommendation.

3. Fred Olsen cruises

We have confirmed with Fred Olsen cruises that we will be putting on two Klondkyer talks for them this year. They will take place in the Ceilidh Place and be done by August.

4. Stores

Erik is talking with the joiners to have the portacabin and debris removed from the stores area soon. There was a delay with the invoice due to the name not matching the account that is now being looked into.
With the capital works complete, the project is now in Augusts hands, the current objective being to clean up the office area and box up the objects over the next 2 months. A few volunteers have offered to help out as well with this.

5. Museum building

The electrical works needing done in the museum are planned for late January. Erik is chasing someone about getting the roof checked.

6. Accessibility

At the end of year get together, the volunteers were made aware of Alex Dagg joining the team this year which they all responded well to. Siobhan has had a first meeting with him which went well. Going forward we will be making a focus on accessibility in the museum, particularly for neurodivergence. We are looking at training for the volunteers and implementing a type of employee passport (workplace adjustments passport) to enable better communication and a more comfortable workspace for everyone.

7. Young Curators Club

The Awards For All funding for the YCC has come in and the project is set to get started. Siobhan is giving a presentation on it to the school tomorrow. The plan is to have the exhibition at the start of November similar to the Geikie exhibition last year.

8. Finances

At the end of November, the main account held 79k, we anticipate the December statement to be 10k less once the capital work payments come out. We also anticipate gaining around 10k from the Viking cruises. The Fred Olsen talks are much smaller financially speaking but it is the foot in the door and the chance to show what we can offer in the future for potential bigger deals.
There are still issues with the world pay card reader since it went down in October and if not resolved very soon, we will be changing to someone else for this service.
BT has been set up as direct debit to help solve some of the invoicing issues.

9. Congratulations

Neil wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the good news that has come over the winter period and congratulate all involved.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10:50.