

**Minutes: CORRA Meeting Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 6.30pm at Clachan Lodge
Minutes No: 130**

In attendance:

Chair: Jo Mahler (JM)
Vice Chair: Ann Oliphant (AO)
Treasurer: Tekela Koek (TK)
Kate Smith (KS)
Jane Crosbie (JC)
David Carslaw (DC)

Apologies: - Anne Macinnes (AM), Minute Secretary: Lesley Oliphant (LO), Ellie Walker (EW), Eilidh Byars (EB)

- 1 **Adoption of Minutes No. 129** Proposed by TK and seconded by AO
- 2 **Matters arising from Minutes No 129:** It was confirmed that all profits for the new water bottles will be going towards the new shop fundraising fund. Hannah Moore has very kindly arranged and met the cost of printing of the new tea towels to be sold online. All profits to go to the new shop fundraising. It was agreed that the updated Code of Conduct and shop policies should be formally approved by the new CORRA Board once elected at the end of this month following the AMM. Union Technical services have now paid their invoice for the containers which were situated temporarily at the new shop site. The Board agreed that Hugh Campbell will be contacted after the AMM for specific fundraising drive for the new shop. DC confirmed that the new BT contract shall commence mid September.
- 3 **Manager's report:** Both July and August were better months for trading. August in particular was good with the decent weather and the constant building work trade makes a huge difference to sales. It was confirmed that despite the new shop being classed as an empty building, rates will still have to be paid but at a discounted rate to be paid quarterly.
- 4 **Financial report:** Trading account £28,596.61, Savings account £54,318, Ringfenced New shop account £108,887.16. The 2024 draft accounts were provisionally approved by the Board – proposed TK & seconded KS. Final approval will be sought at the AMM by Members.
- 5 **HR Update:** A new sickness policy to be issued as recent illness demonstrated that shop staff must ensure to take time off needed to fully recover. The Board thanked the staff for covering during this difficult period but it also highlighted the need for a backup plan with possible shortened opening times if necessary and/or volunteers to help out when not enough staff available.
- 6 **A.O.C.B:** Nearly £10,000 has been raised by private and public donations so far for the new shop. Very grateful thanks are extended to everyone concerned. All funds raised are placed in the ringfenced fundraising account. The Board approved a shop donation should be given for the forthcoming raffle of the Raasay Raiders Ceilidh. JM & TK to have an online meeting with HIE regarding consultancy and fundraising support for the new shop.
- 7 **Date of next Meeting: PLEASE NOTE – AMM to be held on Wednesday, 24th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**