

**Minutes: CORRA Meeting Wednesday 8th October, 2025 at 6.30pm at Holoman House
Minutes No: 131**

In attendance:

Chair: Jo Mahler (JM)
Vice Chair: Kate Smith (KS)
Treasurer: Jo Mahler (JM)
Secretary: Jane Crosbie (JC)
HR: Eilidh Byars (EB)
Shop Manager: David Carslaw (DC)

Apologies: - N/A

- 1 **Following the CORRA AMM**, this was the first Board meeting for the new CORRA Board year 2025-2026. Allocations of positions were agreed as above. Tekela Koek has stood down but wished it to be known that she is always happy to help with any queries and advice. We thank Tekela for her valued Board membership alongside that of Ann Oliphant, Lesley Oliphant and Anne McInnes as formerly and very gratefully mentioned at the AMM. It is also with regret that Ellie Walker is no longer able to remain a Board member. We hereby extend our grateful thanks to her as well. A Facebook & notice board announcement of the new Board to be issued together with a reminder that all records of minutes are available in the shop for any members to read.
- 2 **Adoption of Minutes No. 130** Proposed by EB and seconded by JC
- 3 **Matters arising from Minutes No.130:** DC was requested to investigate with the Highland Council, the sliding scale for rates for empty property.
- 4 **Manager's report:** September was very good for trade with a lot of visitors. New contracts for electricity/water/telephone have all been made and for better rates.
- 5 **Financial report:** Trading account £29,144.93, Savings account £54,696.79, Ringfenced New Shop account £109,586.04. DC & JM to meet with new accountant at CIB services regarding New Shop fundraising account.
- 6 **HR date:** Due to unfortunate staff shortages, it was agreed that the shop should close temporarily for one extra day per week until further notice. Notifications of the day of closure will be advertised in advance. Community to be reminded that on some days with only DC available, the shop will close for very short period just whilst deliveries are collected from the ferry.
- 7 **A.O.C.B:** Adoption of Code of Conduct and Shop policies, including an updated Sickness policy were approved. Primary school Xmas calendar – donation was approved. Christmas Tree Lights ceremony to be 4th December, 2025. 3rd Fencing quote to be obtained from Emby Gillies. Open afternoon at FP Church to be held on 25 October, 2025 2-4pm. Consultation with the community regarding new shop designs at Village Hall, 29th October, 4 – 7pm.
- 8 **Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday, 5th November, 2025 at Holoman House.