

**CORRA**  
**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**  
**Holoman House**  
**6.30pm**

**Minutes No: 133**

**In attendance:**

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

1. **Apologies:** - N/A
2. **Adoption of Minutes No. 132** Proposed by EB and seconded by KS
3. **Manager's report:** Trade has noticeably quietened this month, especially due to fewer tradespeople about. Both the quarterly VAT return and the annual stock take have been completed. Top sellers are bananas, satsumas, milk and Monster drinks!
4. **Financial report:** Trading account £18,530.25, Savings account £54,696.79, ringfenced New Shop fundraising account £114,586.04 (this includes recent interest). The Christmas Craft Fair have very kindly donated £374.05 towards the New shop fundraising account. JM to write and thank. Fundraising events this year have exceeded £15,000 given by the Community and also through private donations/Collectin. Grateful verbal thanks to be given at the Xmas Tree Lighting event as well as written thanks to all concerned if not already done so.
5. **HR Update:** Katherine Gillies providing much appreciated support with the Post Office. KG also helpful as backup during staff holidays in the New Year.
6. **Action points:** New design layout of the New shop session in the Village Hall with shop staff and Board members was really useful. Hannah Moore as Minutes Secretary has provided very useful data regarding emails to Members & updating addresses. Margaret Moodie vehicle – investigations towards leasing rather than purchasing a vehicle being carried out after CNI meeting. Persons of interest to be sought to be involved in running and managing the vehicle.
7. **A.O.C.B:** Xmas tree light preparations completed and grateful thanks to all contributors concerned to what hopefully will be a successful event. Bruce Marshall, HIE Consultant to visit early January to discuss New shop layout/scenario planning. Pews – good take up by interested parties in procuring 'family pews.' Prices discussed and final list to be drawn up before sale in the New Year. Fundraising events for 2026 to be top priority & preparations commenced. Real Living Wage increase discussed and approved.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2026, 6.30pm at Holoman**

