

**CORRA Meeting Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm at Village Hall  
Minutes No: 137**

**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: -**

**2. Adoption of Minutes No.136** Proposed by KS and seconded by EB

**3. Manager's report:** Slight crisis at the end of March due to Shop laptop failure but thanks to DC expertise & Jan's IT support, files were recovered. It was agreed that a new laptop should be bought & worth doing ahead of the New Shop anyway. Easter was earlier this year and the school holidays were conveniently spread across a 3 week period which helped figures for the year end and into the new financial year with the shop being nicely busy.

**4. Financial report:** Our 2025 accounts are with CIB Accountants and they are preparing our year end figures as usual. Please note: Tekela Koek, as a Founder member of CORRA has kindly agreed to remain a signatory for any banking in an **extreme** emergency (DC & JM are the other two authorised personnel). Alison Bouteloup has also kindly agreed to survey our books from time to time. This is at the request of JM who, as both Chair & Treasurer, wishes to ensure transparency concerning all financial matters, especially with the New Shop fundraising being a major focus. Trading account £19,756.59, Savings account £55,159.73 & New Shop fundraising account £117,294.05.

**5. HR Update:** CORRA are pleased to welcome June Gosling as our new staff member. June shall be working part time and we are very grateful that the position has been taken up so promptly.

**6. Action points:** DC & P Mahler have successfully released the pews in the Church so they are now ready for removal to those who wish to buy any. It was agreed that due to several of the middle supports being loose, the price should be reduced. **Suggested** donations therefore are: Large pews £300 & side pews £200. Interested parties shall be contacted accordingly but any new orders are also welcomed.

**7. A.O.C.B:** A meeting was held by CORRA & members of the Walled Garden with Sarah Watts who has very kindly offered to hold a concert in aid of the New Shop. Weather permitting, this will be held at the Walled Garden on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2026**. In addition, several people have been contacted to help with a Raasay Mayhem obstacle race to be held on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2026**. Members are asked to please keep these dates in their diaries and come along and support! The Bring & Buy sale held at the Hall raised £444 for the New Shop funds. A very big thank you to everyone involved and to CNI for sponsoring the event.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, Village Hall @ 6.30pm**