

CORRA Meeting, Tuesday, 9th June 2026 at 6.30pm at Village Hall
Minutes No: 139

In attendance:

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

1. **Apologies:** -
2. **Adoption of Minutes No.138** Proposed by EB and seconded by JC
3. **Manager's report:** Trade is good but there is a noticeable difference with fewer workforce on the island. Fortunately, half term week was very good and together with the excellent weather, this helped business. Our best sellers for the month were steak pies! Level of wastage remains at a healthy low with Christmas stock fully sold off and Easter stock having been reduced to cost price. Unfortunately, there have been incidences of a supplier sending out of date stock (by the time it has been delivered) but this has been returned immediately and the shop has been recompensed. The summer merchandise for tourists wishing to spend their pocket money have arrived so there is hopefully something for everyone! With the hot weather there were considerable ice creams sold. We are curious to know which is everyone's favourite and why?
4. **Financial report:** Trading account £26,775.60, Savings account £55,159.73 & New Shop fundraising account £117,127.44 The 2025 Draft Accounts have been sent for approval by the Board and these will now be prepared for final approval by CORRA members at the AMM in September. Despite economic global challenges, our community shop has made a good, modest profit & done well to remain robust.
5. **HR Update:** June Gosling has now completed her 3 month trial period and we are delighted to offer June a permanent position.
6. **Action from Minutes 138:** Continued preparation for fundraising events including the Gala, August 1st concert and Raasay Highland Games. Separate meeting to be held on 18 June to include fundraising website final details & distribution of the leaflets. Lone Workers policy to be updated.

7. A.O.C.B:

- We are delighted to co-opt Ru Goodchild on to the Board. Ru comes with a wealth of enthusiasm and experience in fundraising. We hope that Ru will become a full Board member at the AMM in September.
- Carwyn Llewellyn gave a business case presentation for a shop vehicle. He advised us of the Community Transport Association which aids & supports communities like ourselves in setting up & managing a community vehicle. Membership is an annual payment of £50 to access the services. Carwyn to investigate further with the view that a vehicle is needed sooner rather than later.
- Fundraising: Raasay Craft Fair have very kindly agreed to adopt the New Shop for further fundraising and the first event in May has raised £289. Very many thanks to all concerned. Individual donations continue to arrive and CORRA are extremely grateful for all of these. You know who you are and every penny really does count. Pews: These are now being sold to interested parties and anyone wishing to purchase one are urged to contact either Davy at the shop or Jo at Chair.corra@gmail.com. N.B. ALL monies received are for fundraising towards the New Shop.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th July, 6.30pm at the Village Hall.