CORRA Meeting, Wednesday 9th September, 2026 at 6.30pm at Village Hall
Minutes No: 141

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:** - RG
2. **Adoption of Minutes No. 140** Proposed by JC and seconded by KS
3. **Manager's report:** Trade has been quieter following the holidays, largely due to builders away on Skye. However, there has been a late boost thanks to the early release of Roger Hutchinson's book (signed copies) being sold exclusively from the shop. The inclement weather has certainly not helped summer trade.
4. **Financial report:** Trading account £18,920.90 Savings account £55,159.73 Fundraising account £120182.50. The 2025 Accounts are now ready for the CORRA AMM to be approved. Another successful year despite increasing costs and world affairs influencing price of products.
5. **HR Update:** Staff updates were given.
6. **Action points from Minutes 140:** Public liability and Employees Insurance checked and renewed. The Raasay Gala was fun and participants for the hoola hoop competition especially were keen! Grateful thanks to Board members & family members for helping and to the community for supporting the CORRA stall. A total of £279.70 was made for the New shop fundraising. The Raasay CORRA Concert was a big success in August held in collaboration with the Raasay Walled Garden & kindly sponsored by the Isle of Raasay Distillery. Nearly 100 people attended (including the musicians). Sarah Watts very kindly offered her performance for free and premiered her composition "The Raasay Suite" which was especially written for the occasion. This proved to be very well received and was a huge success. Furthermore, Sarah kindly donated the first 2 weeks of downloads of her composition which amounted to £193 towards the New shop. The Skye Wind Band also gave their time for free and were tremendous performers. We look forward to further events with all concerned and thank the Walled Garden committee and the Raasay Distillery for their support, sponsorship and collaboration for this event. Total raised for the New shop funds was £747.75.
7. **A.O.C.B:**
    - The Raasay Summer Craft Fair have very kindly donated £294.88 towards the New shop fundraising for which very many thanks.
    - Community Led Local Development (CLLD) grant: CORRA have received confirmation that a grant of £7,156 has been awarded to help the current shop with new shelving, fridge & freezers as well as financial support towards our winter electricity bill. The new equipment will be transferred to the New shop when the time comes.
    - The Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). CORRA have been invited to apply for the next stage for a grant towards the Building Warrant and

Technical Design stage of the New shop following a successful EOI (Expression of Interest). This is to be submitted by 5th October.

- The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). CORRA have received the welcome news that our EOI has been put forward to the next stage for consideration. This is for significant financial assistance towards the cost of the New shop renovation. There is considerable oversubscription for this fund so understandably, competition is high.

Date of CORRA Annual Members Meeting (AMM) to be held on Wednesday, 30th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Date of next Board Meeting: Wednesday, 7th October, 6.30pm at the Village Hall.