The Community Foodbank – Skye and Lochalsh Treasurer's Report

The Foodbank started the year (April 2021) with a healthy balance of almost £38000 which is a considerable increase on the previous years' balance of almost £12000 (April 2020) and almost £6000 (April 2019). This is partly due to the grants which we received during Covid, but mainly to the generosity of local supporters – both individuals and organisations.

During the year the financial donations continued to increase, £12000 through regular donations to our Paypal account, many individual donations and several large donations from local businesses – F MacLeod Funeral Services, the Wood Foundation, Gael Force, Blazing Griffin, Uras, Struan Community Council, S&L Raw Petfood and a donation of over £14000 from the Portree Co-op Local Causes Fund. This gave us a total income of over £40000 this year.

Thanks to the many food donations we receive through our bin at the Co-ops in both Broadford and Portree and from Highland Council, we have reduced our spending on food although we anticipate this will increase in the future. Food expenditure 21-22 is almost £12000, whereas it was over £24000 during the height of the pandemic in 20-21. We were also able to donate to several of our partners who help us distribute foodbags in the community – CAB, Young Carers, Am Fasgadh and the Broadford Fridge. This, along with a payment of £670 for our insurance gave us a total expenditure of almost £25000.

Given our total income of over £78000 and our expenditure of £25000, we are in the fortunate position of having a balance of over £53000.

A detailed account of this is included in the attached spreadsheet.