**PORTREE AND BRAES COMMUNITY TRUST (SCIO)**

**AGM (2ND)**

**7PM Wednesday the 29th of August 2018**

**Skye Camanachd Social Club, Portree**

**In attendance:** Calum Matheson (CM) , Duncan Brown (DB), Shona Cameron (SC), Ross Cowie (RC), Douglas MacDougall (DM), Dorothy Ann Urquhart (DU) , Myra Macleod (MM), Janice MGuire (JM), Irene Deplano (ID), Janice MacHugh (JM), Roddie MacHugh (RM), Elgar Finlay(EF) Rodger Liley (RL) Faye Macleod, Donnie Nicolson (DN) , Fiona Thomson (FT), Chris James (CJ), Ella Liley (EL) Jimmy Macleod (JM)

**Apologies:** Bill Edgar, Neil Campbell, Jake Sayles, Ronald MacDonald, Thomas Wilson.

**Chairmans Report:** DN opened the meeting, welcomed all and introduced PBCT’s Development Officer, Fiona Thomson who gave a brief report on all ongoing projects, an opportunity to discuss all later in the meeting would be provided.

**Update on community land purchase from FEI estates:**

FM gave an update on the feasibility study examining the liabilities and opportunities associated with the purchase of 5 pieces of land owned by FEI estates. FM explained that it’s important to local people to have amenity and green space. FE also highlighted that the trust would only take forward projects that are supported by the community

**KG5** – the study has highlighted that there is pressure on the existing sports facilities in Portree. Support exists for the trust taking ownership of the KG5. The wider area is being considered as a potential hub for sport and recreation. Improvements are required to the KG5 pitch before it can be used effectively for sports.

**Bayfield -** PBCT already have a lease on land at Bayfield. Support exists to go forward with purchasing this land. The Trust are also looking at purchasing the adjacent site previously used as tennis and squash courts.

**The Lump -** The trust are interested in taking ownership of the outer part of the Lump. PBCT are submitting a proposal to the Skye Gathering Committee to open up a dialogue about a potential management agreement of both the inner and outer part of the lump.

**Common Grazing –** FM stated that it would be difficult to prove community benefit to the Scottish Land fund. The crofters are keen that this land is retained in crofting tenure which, in the short term would leave little flexibility for development for community benefit.

EF, a Portree community centre committee (PCCC) member, raised concern that the KG5 could be a liability. FM explained that there is a feeling that the Highland council won’t take any action to maintain and improve the KG5. EF highlighted that the Highland council lease on the KG5 runs until 2047. EF further stated that all KG5 pitches are protected by Fields in Trust and the highland council has responsibility for maintaining this burden.

EF spoke of the PCCC plan to apply to the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the land which the community centre sits on. EF noted that that the section of the centre where the changing rooms are located sits within the boundary of the KG5 pitch and so further negotiations with the trust would be required should a land purchase go ahead.

FM explained that geographic membership is required to apply to SLF.

DN spoke of the positive steps forward that are being taken in the community with the re-formation of the community centre committee and good relationship with the trust. DN stated that a masterplan is required for the long-term development of the community centre / KG5 / red pitch area.

EF explained that the PCCC plan to make progress with the purchase of the land in the short term. EF believes that changes to the constitution could be made to satisfy the requirements of the Scottish Land Fund.

RC suggested a further meeting was set up to discuss how the PCCC can work with PBCT going forward.

More legal work is required for stage 2 of the FEI land purchase process.

The final draft of the FEI feasibility study will be completed in the next few weeks with a final public consultation scheduled for November.

DM wished to formally thank the Trust and Faye MacLeod for the constructive dialogue and guidance surrounding Skye Camanachd taking ownership of Pairc nan Laoch.

**Accounts and Finance:** DB gave an overview of the annual financial accounts. Copies of the accounts were also available forattendees to review.

**Ongoing Projects:**

DB explained that a parking appraisal meeting has been scheduled for the 3rd September 2018 to progress the options assessment report.

In reference to the allotments project RL explained that the housing association have this on the agenda at every meeting and are still keen to get this over the line.

**Election of Directors:**

FT gave an update of the register of trustees. Ronald MacDonald has formally stood down as a trustee due to having new commitments as a local councillor. Both Jake Sayles and Thomas Wilson have stated that they cannot commit to a trustee role but would like to be involved in subgroups and to support the trust.

Shona Cameron has been nominated as a trustee by CJ and DU.

DN was nominated as chairman by MM and RC

CM was nominated as vice-chair by RC and DU

Trust agreed FT will take on secretarial duties.

MM was nominated as stand-in secretary by DB and DN

DB was nominated as treasurer by RM and ID

DB has been incorrectly listed as a coopted trustee on the agenda. DB is an associate member as he lives out with the boundary of Portree and Braes. BE should remain listed as a coopted member due to being coopted as a community councillor.

**AOCB:**

FT thanked Skye Camanachd for allowing the Trust to use the Shinty club as a venue for the meeting.

DN thanked all for attending.