

PBCT TRUST BOARD MEETING

TRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Monday 28th February 2022 7pm at Jans

1. Shona Resignation

Shona Cameron has given her resignation to the PBCT due to new family commitments. This was to be highlighted at the previous trust meeting. Shona has enjoyed her time on the board and looks forward to seeing how all the current projects develop.

2. Strategic Plan

Faye Macleod on behalf of Campbell, Stewart, MacLennan and co. has offered to create a strategic plan for PBCT. This 5-10+ plan will help guide the direction of the trust going forwards. As part of the process the aims and vision of the trust will be reviewed and a consensus from the current board members will be agreed. The plan will also suggest systems and processes which will make the best use of the organisations resources and capacity. Faye will be joining the meeting to discuss in further detail.

3. Bayfield

a) Bayfield Carpark

£10k has now been paid to the PBCT from HC for the first years rent of the tennis and squash court site. The % of profit from the car park will be paid in due course.

£3.5 has been granted from the HC to purchase a payment system for the waste disposal unit. FT in touch with Falls of Shin development trust who have installed similar. FT carrying out investigations into options for an electrical supply as first step.

b) Bayfield grass maintenance

The Highland Council has agreed to maintain the grassy picnic area on the previous request of the PBCT. At the previous meeting the trust supported the idea of sowing wildflowers, leaving them to grow and only cutting the grass in certain areas to create paths. Bill Edgar had volunteered to do this. Discussion needed re: how to go forward.

c) Bayfield woodland

Matt from ACE Academy has suggested installing some semi-permanent signage at Bayfield woodland to acknowledge the community buy out and the ongoing partnership with ACE Academy. Current proposal for 2-3 x A4/A3 aluminium signs to be mounted on to the fence at the top of the steps and on a stake at the entrance point. This would cost approx. £230. Decision to be made on this.

Would the trust be open to investing funds in some signage and do you think this would be an appropriate approach to signage OR do more options need to be explored?

4. Community Centre

At the start of February HIE Greening Community Assets fund awarded the community centre £32,145 for replacement of doors and windows and the insulation of the small hall. The committee is pleased as this will enable them to realise their aspirations for the small hall. Works have begun this week.

In addition, last week the PBCT were notified that the Highland Council would like to award a further £38,297 to support renovations of the main hall through the Placed Based Community Investment Fund (similar to the Town Centre Fund which previously funded the creation of the new office space in the community centre).

Again, this is very positive news and will enable further insulation works and repair of the flooring. The Rural Design team have indicated that they do not know for sure what their recommendations will be for the building however it is more likely that they will recommend improvements and / or extension as opposed to a full rebuild. With this in mind any funds that are invested in works now will likely support future plans.

5. Camanachd Square Masterplan

The Rural design team have begun contacting previous users, current users and potential users of the Camanachd Square area as well as other relevant local groups and organisations as part of their community consultation process. A useful exercise as this will determine definitively who the potential users of the centre and surrounding spaces might be and where the biggest gaps in provision are within the community in terms of community spaces and facilities. Fiona, Calum, Duncan and Peter are meeting monthly with the Rural Design team. If others would like to be involved and attend some / all of these meetings please let Fiona know.

In order to propose realistic development opportunities for the Camanachd Square area the team would benefit from having a more definitive understanding of the boundaries of the King George the V. £6000 in total has been ringfenced from the Coastal Communities Fund to carry out legal work relevant to the project. This includes match funding from the PBCT (£3,500). The priority for the funding is to commission the title mapping of the KGV. Fiona has now asked Katie MacDonald for a quote for this work. If the PBCT wish to take ownership of other assets such as the old swimming pool site or the community centre then there will be associated legal work required here too where remaining funding could be invested. PBCT have until December 2022 to spend the coastal communities funding.

6. Harbour

The Highland council still do not know when the next round of submissions are being accepted for the levelling up fund. Anticipate this will be Spring 2022. Portree

harbour project is being submitted possibly alongside another couple of projects but we have not yet had confirmation of what these projects will be. The PBCT are working with the PBCC to raise the profile of the bid. Some coverage in this week's whfp. Whfp are planning more in-depth coverage soon. An aim would be to secure national press coverage. Harbour group are being advised by Skye Connect on this. Monthly meeting with HC to discuss LUF bid taking place Monday 28th Feb. Meeting was held in January attended by all key stakeholders and including local councillors, Kate Forbes, Malcolm Macleod (Executive Chief Officer) of THC, Ian Blackford, PBCC and HIE. It was highlighted at the meeting that it will be the UK government making the decision on allocation of funds – very political. Ian Blackford and Malcolm Macleod agreed to discuss the project with head of THC and where possible with UK ministers to highlight the importance of the Portree harbour project.

7. Allotments

Consent to occupy the site has been given by the LSAH while the purchase of the site is being finalised. Fencing works were planned for Friday 25th but delay in delivery of materials restricted what could be achieved. Work party attended nevertheless including volunteers from Rabbies and they carried out preparatory works. Practical works being managed by volunteer team, health and safety overseen by Fiona (risk assessments and insurance).

The trust has all funds required to cover legal costs relating to the purchase ringfenced so if the Scottish land fund application is unsuccessful the purchase can go ahead, nevertheless. Risk to the trust of investing in the site infrastructure in advance is low.

Almost £10k awarded from the Pebble trust recently. Approx. £2k from Organic sea harvest, £500 from MOWI, £250 from William Wilsons, £2k from ward discretionary fund – all funds now in place to cover the cost of the first phase which will fence off 16(tbc) individual plots and additional communal growing spaces and create parking (required by planning) and a shed for storage.

8. Matheson Place Playpark

Research and development ongoing. Volunteer team working on sourcing further quotes for equipment and installation to ensure best value. Highland Council have offered to project manage the installation of the park. This means that PBCT will not have to apply for planning permission. HC will carry out this work for no cost on the basis on supporting the partnership. It will be PBCT's responsibility to raise all funds required. Group have provisionally agreed to this approach. Would this have the support of the board? The other option is for volunteer group to manage the installation however they are concerned that they would not have the required experience or expertise to undertake this work.

9. Events

Events group have had a break for the last couple of months but are looking to arrange a date to meet up again soon and start planning events for 2022. Some

funding reports have required to be submitted and Lorna has undertaken these. Artists booked for the Hogmanay celebrations were paid despite event being cancelled. Event Scotland were happy to honour this funding. Likely that the bands will agree to play another event in lieu of Hogmanay.

10. Speak up for Gaelic

Group pleased to appoint Iona MacDonald as project officer for 1 day per week. Two events are currently running weekly at Aros and The Pier. Quiz / bingo activities running and received well. Approx. average of 10 - 12 attending at each session. A few purchases required which Duncan has made on behalf of the group. Project also helping to fund a Gaelic film event at Braes Hall.

11. Skye Community Response / Health Services

The SCR volunteer group do not have the capacity to administer grants from the remaining SCR funds (almost £44k) . CAB have been asked but do not have the capacity either. Councillor John Finlayson has explained that the members would be willing to support the administration of the funding if required as they have the systems established for this already as a result of the ward resilience funding that was previously available. SCR could dictate the criteria and be involved in decision making but admin would be taken care of by HC. Provisional decision made that this is the best option available to enable getting the funds out to the individuals / organisations most in need at the moment. Criteria would likely include a health focus as this is what the funding was originally raised for. Meeting arranged with HC to further discuss details and options.

A few thousand could be kept aside by PBCT to cover any related costs arising in next few months e.g accounting however this would be transferred when no longer needed.

Sophie (Issacson) continues to be employed by the PBCT 3 days per week to support the health services group to deliver their aims. 1/3rd of funding remains to be drawn down from HIE but otherwise all funding is in the bank to employ Sophie until end of contract (2nd Feb 2023). Update from Sophie below:

The **Feature and empower project** is a partnership between the Health & Wellness project and HIE with the aim of raising awareness about rural health and social care careers and featuring those in post locally. So far we've interviewed a representative from the Scottish Ambulance Service in Dunvegan and then a representative from the Care @ Home team for North Skye. We have further interviews planned over the next couple of months and plan to create a positive campaign around key health workers living and working on Skye.

The **Options Appraisal** meetings have now morphed into NHSH vision workshops. The first vision workshop was held in early January and followed a similar structure to the previous OA meetings with set questions and discussion opportunities for community members to feed into the vision for health & care services for the future.

I have been taking part in planning meetings for the next phase of this process and will continue to do so.

The **Health & Wellness Website** is up and running with regular news updates. It has links to social media and I am working with partners at NHS and SAS to distribute info and updates. www.healthandwellnessskye.com

I have been working closely with the **Recruitment & Retention** subgroup to develop the idea of a **Live & Work on Skye Site**. This was requested by NHS and I will be working with Hugh Campbell to create a platform which informs and welcomes potential new recruits and families to the island. The aims are to share real information about living on the island to help with retaining staff. This project is at the early stages, but funding has been secured to progress it.

I have been meeting with the **Skyelab** team and working on the 'hands on' community **Thrive** project which would include for example projects like the prescription delivery project. We now have 4 community Health & Wellness volunteers and will be holding our first meeting in March 2022.

Finally, I have been working on pulling together the launch of the new **Community Health & Care Forum**. The new forum will have its first meeting on the 17th of March 2022 and has 15 members signed up so far.

A little more info about the new forum - There are numerous community and third sector groups linked to health and social care working throughout Skye and Raasay. The pandemic led to new networks being formed and showed the importance of coordinated action between communities, the council and health board, and it would be beneficial to coordinate communication and action through a new Community Forum that will feed into the new Partnership group that is being formed to succeed the Sir Lewis Ritchie Implementation Steering

AIMS : To be an open and accessible community forum for communicating key information, issues and updates around health and Care in this area.

To work in co-production to achieve the best possible health and care services for the people in our locality

12. Half Marathon

The half marathon is taking place on June 11th. The playpark group have been asked to marshal to support fundraising and are looking for volunteers to put their names down. Any takers?

13. Toilets

Will be advertising for a cleaner asap. Comfort scheme secured April to end October.

14. Advertising Boards

Seafari provisionally agreed to take space for 2022. FT will be working on selling remaining spaces this week. Target to have all sold by mid-march so that advertising can be in place by first April. 4 sides remaining.

15. AGM

- a) Could the AGM be moved to the 30th of March? Decision required.
- b) Office bearers to be identified in advance of AGM. Secretary required. Does the trust need Fiona to take any action on this?

16. AOCB

Co-wheels

Neil Campbell has been investigating the viability of the PBCT alongside partners making a shared electronic car service available through an initiative called co-wheels. (info pack attached) Brief noted below:

- Set up costs hopefully/ possibly paid for by LHSA/ HIE could ask for more to cover Trust costs
- If Trust after consultation decide to take on the Franchise there will be an income initially quite small but has a possible future increase.
- Employee required to oversee service employed on a self-employed basis
- Car needs cleaned checked over once a week or so. Cost of 2 hrs at £20 per hr. Cost covered from earnings
- Bookings done electronically by app
- Future NHS involvement. People going to clinics would have car costs reimbursed. So free for use of patients and other would pay for use.
- Meets Health Group aims
- Trust advertised on the car

Decision required – would the trust be willing to invest some of Fiona’s time in exploring further the viability of this initiative? Is it something which the trust would potentially want to provide?

17. DONM’s

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