

Portree and Braes Community Trust
Board Meeting Development Officer Report
Wednesday 24th of August 2022

Development Officer Work Plan for August / September

Total days available in the coming month – 19

Task	No. of days allocated
Coastal Communities Fund EOI (maceration plant tbc)	4
Camanachd Square Consultations and Phase 2 meetings	3
National Lottery Community Led Fund application	2 TBC
Community Centre – Place based fund spend	2
Board meeting minutes, report and arrangements	1
Toilet facility	1
Skye Resilience Group arrangements (SCR)	1
Bayfield Phase 3	1
Matheson Place Lease Arrangements/funding	1
Cyber Security / Insurance requirements	1
Health Services Project officer funding claim	1/2
PBCT Membership administration	1/2
Light Up Portree	1/2
Community Ownership support training – DTAS (feasibility)	1/2
TOTAL	19

Active Awards	Amount	Deadline
Place Based inv. (comm centre) 2022	£38,000	end September
The Pebble Trust (allotments)	£9924.92	end October 2022
Bord na Gaidhlig / CLS (Speak up. Gaelic)	Cerca £10,000	end October 2022
Coastal Communities (Camanachd Square)	£35,000	end Nov 2022
HIE / NES / NHS (health services)	£20,981	end January 2023

Scottish Land Fund (allotments)	£21,810	end March 23
Silverhill Trust (playparks)	£20,000	no deadline
Anton Jeargen (Playparks)	£4000	no deadline
Organic Seaharvest (playparks)	£9950	no deadline

Treasurers Report

Current totals:

Trust £11,519.94

Info boards / Advertising - £ **£2,419.54**

Toilets - **-£47.96**

Bayfield - **£7,130.44**

Paths - £483.60

FEI Land Purchase - £975.84

Events - **£11,091.89**

Playparks - **£34,638.20**

Allotments - **£8,735.44**

Helipad - **£5,446.12**

Skye Community Response - £39,548.07

Coastal Communities (Camanachd Square) - £3488.72

Speak up for Gaelic - **£4,767.54**

Health Services - **£4,111.20** (including wages)

Total £138,396.12

Project Updates

Bayfield Group

- Shane Manning, Head of Parking for THC was on leave for a fortnight but called on the 16th of August and assured FT he has passed the query re: the parking income invoice on to THC accountants to review and will respond as soon as possible.
- FT has followed up again with Gavin Steel, Corporate Affairs Manager, to inquire about the timeframe for a potential meeting about the maceration plant development proposal. There is potential to secure feasibility funding from the 2022 Coastal Communities Fund – deadline for expressions of interest is 15th September.

Harbour Group

- The Levelling Up Fund bid was submitted by THC. THC state in recent local press coverage that the bid was as strong as it possibly could be.
- No further update on when outcome of bid will be announced but PBCT were previously told around the end of 2022.

Speak Up for Gaelic

- Two sessions per week (Aros and Pier Hotel)
- c. 36 participants over last month, two Pier sessions cancelled due to Iona's holidays.
- Plans for further outdoor activities when summer rush is quieter
- Iona attended Portree Agricultural Show under PBCT banner – awareness-raising and information
- Meeting of Steering group to be held on 23 August
- Iona and Fay invited to attend Community Land Scotland meeting in Raasay in October

Strategic Plan

- CSMco. Have issued draft terms of reference for each sub-group. Fiona will be circulating shortly.
- CSMco. would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the terms of reference for the sub groups as well as general aims and vision that the board of trustees have for the trust. Date of meeting to be agreed. – **Decision required**

Allotments

- Group has aspirations to secure funding for a Keder greenhouse which will support community members to grow in a more protected environment. This will be 20k plus a couple of k for material to make beds etc.
- The delivery area in front of the storage bays has been completed by volunteers. James and Lesley are going to use a digger and motorised barrow to move the soil in the parking area and clear ditches 23rd and 24th August.
- Irene organised the tea and cake sales and raffle at the Skye show. £646.60 was raised altogether. Thanks to everyone who contributed. It was suggested that 50% of this go towards the allotments fund.
- Alec displayed information about the project and collected some feedback on what activity / facilities the community would like to see developed there.
- Two allotment holders gave up their allotments. Both have been filled.

Helipad

- Used twice in the last month for medical transfers
- Used by Coastguard for Training recently
- Used by PDG donation requested
- One floodlight faulty to be replaced. This was purchase from Amazon previously. Can a replacement be ordered from Amazon? – **Decision required**

Toilets

- Income from July period:

Cubicle A (Mens) Had 350 uses @ 50p per use = £175

Cubicle B (disabled) had 122 uses @ 50p per use = £61

- Reliable cleaning team now in place.
- The door closer on cubicle B is not reliable therefore payment is not always required for entry, and this is reflected in income. DB has already fitted a replacement door closer however this didn't resolve the issue unfortunately.
- Scottish Water have been in touch to advise that PBCT may be required to pay for water charges now that the toilet facility is charging. A discount would likely be available if an exemption cannot be negotiated.

Community Centre

- The small hall renovations are complete, and the hall is being used by the community once again.
- Discussions are taking place around how the Place Based Investment Funding of £38,000 can be allocated before the end of September.
- The committee are planning to arrange a day to clear out the main hall again so that renovations can take place.

Camanachd Square

- The first public community consultation took place at the Skye Show on the 6th of August .
- Rural Design are compiling the feedback and will share with PBCT as soon as possible.
- The next public consultation will be via Zoom on Tuesday the 30th of August at 7pm. Please sign up via Eventbrite. Details are on the PBCT website Re-imagining Camanachd Square page. 5 signed up so far. Would be good to encourage more people to attend. We know that there is a lot of interest in the project from the Skye show but this is not reflected in the ticket sales.

Health Services

Update from Sophie Isaacson, Project Officer below:

- **North Skye Service Improvement & Sir Lewis Ritchie Implementation Group Launched Aug 22** - This is a new group which is being led by Ross Mackenzie who has been seconded onto leading on the SLR recommendations two days per week for the next few months. I believe (although it seems to be still quite vague) that the group is being set up by NHSH to push the recommendations which have not yet been achieved. It seems to be an action focussed group looking at an overview of outstanding actions and pushing them along to try and make more progress.
- **Urgent Care Workstream meeting again** - The workstream looking at Urgent care met last week for the first time in months. Again there was a real focus on Action and what needed to be done to get Urgent care open again. NHSH have been

recruiting into Advanced Nurse practitioner positions. Some are fully qualified and will be able to begin quickly whilst others will need to complete their training before being ready to go. NHSH are working on a timeline but also have some additional challenges to work through to get the Urgent care centre open again in Portree.

- **Festival of Learning, Skye September 22** - I have been working over the past few weeks on developing a list of events and workshops relevant and open to community members and the third sector which are being held as part of The Remote and Rural Festival of Learning. Supporting the Development of the National Centre for Remote and Rural Health and Social Care, Isle of Skye in September 2022. Healthandwellnessskye.com for information on how to book.
- **Comms workstream initiated** - A new communications workstream has been initiated and will meet for the first time next week. It is encouraging that a comms plan can be developed between NHSH and the Portree and Braes Dev officer to help write and share clear updates and messages with the community.
- **Latest Filming day** - The latest day of filming for our filmography project was done with the crossroads team in Portree. This next film will be available within a few weeks and will be shared.

Skye Community Response

- A date has been set for the next Skye Community Response meeting to agree the aims of the Skye Resilience Group and the criteria for issuing funding.

Advertising

- Isle of Skye Safari are now advertising on the pier toilets. Thanks to RC and DB for liaising with Seafari re: sale.

Outdoor Activity Group

- £250 had been donated by The Skye Games via the Skye Bootcamp ladies who chose The Playpark as their project to support.
- £100 was raised through volunteers stewarding at The Skye Show Dance organised by the Light Up Portree group.
- A request has been made to THC to progress with a lease agreement for the site.
- 50% (£55k) of the funding for the park has been secured. The group have identified further sources of funding and are working on applications.

Community Events Group

- Show Dance very successful.
- Overall Profit £2451. This can be offset against Autumn Fling costs.
- Autumn Fling is 24th September
- Need help to put staging up on the Friday daytime.

- Also looking for help on a rota basis for stewarding between 2-6pm and then 6-10.30pm
- Set up help for first hour on 24th would also be appreciated

Coastal Communities

- Webinar confirmed that the next round of funding is only for first-stage feasibility / development funding, not capital funding.
- FT suggests the project most likely to be funded would be feasibility work to look at the potential to develop the maceration plant into a community owned toilet facility and business unit. This would depend on the response from Scottish Water. The fund favours projects which will be self-sustaining and innovative so would be a good fit. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 15th of September. – **Decision Required**

Community Led Funding – The National Lottery

- There is an opportunity to apply for funding from this fund to support the continuation of the environmental work PBCT are carrying out at the allotments and also potentially in other areas of the village including the woodland or possibly also the Sluggans woodland park. Up to three years of funding are available from March 2023 for community led activity that involves a broad spectrum of the community. One potential outline proposal is below:
- 2-3 years of funding for a part time project officer to support the continuing development of, and engagement in, the community allotments, and other community managed green spaces, including:
 - improvement to the informal path linking the Coop to the nature trail
 - installation of a keder greenhouse (the grant would cover the capital cost) and the coordination of community engagement activities (e.g grow your own fruit and veg) around this
 - a range of relevant environmental family activities and events
 - volunteer opportunities to improve local green spaces (clean up clubs) with opportunities for skills development where relevant.
- The deadline for applications is 30th September. If supported by the board Alec would work on the application with support from Fiona. – **Decision Required**

Muirhall Energy Glen Ullinish II Windfarm Proposal

- Muirhall Energy has begun work to assess areas of land adjoining the original project [Glen Ullinish I proposal for 11 turbines] , north of Struan, with a view to developing proposals for an expanded and re-designed project with a total of 59 turbines. They are proposing a community fund of £2m per year. They have suggested that 50% of this could go to a strategic fund for Skye and the remainder split between 5 communities in the neighbouring areas, including Portree. I.e Portree could receive around 200k per year. This would however be one of the largest wind farm developments in the country.
- Muirhall Energy are hosting another public consultation in Portree at the Skye Gathering Hall on Monday 26th of September from 4 – 7.30pm. BE was keen that the

proposal be discussed at the board meeting to confirm the boards position on the proposed developments. – **Decision required.**

Generator Purchase

- The allotments group don't have a need for a generator so the funding opportunity was not followed up. Would the Light Up Portree group be interested in purchasing a generator with 50% financial investment from the main trust reserves? – **Decision required.**