**Portree and Braes Community Trust (SCIO)**

**Minutes of Trustee’s Board Meeting**

Wed 13th March 2019 7pm @ Jans

Apologies: Dorothy Urquhart, Janice McGuire, Margaret MacDonald, Calum Matheson, Shona Cameron, Bill Edgar,

Present: Donnie Nicolson (DN) Fiona Thomson (FT) Duncan Brown (DB) Ross Cowie (RC) Neil Campbell (NC) Chris James (CJ) Sophie Isaacson (SI) Graham Smith (GS) Ann Marie Campbell (AM) Irene Deplano (ID) Roddy MacHugh (RM) Janice MacHugh (JM)

Adoption of minutes: Proposed: [ ] Seconded: [ ]

**1. Health Services:**

[ ]delivered a report on her first month in post as Project Support Officer for the Sir Lewis Ritchie Report implementation project. [ ] presented a work plan for phase 1 and phase 2 ( end of May 2019) which has been approved by the sub group.

[ ] has established a relationship with Fiona McGeechan, the individual who has been made responsible for coordinating the project on behalf of the NHS team. NHS have stated that 12 beds will be open by the end of May, that additional ambulance staff will be recruited and that a new ambulance base will be created to serve additional staff. The transport group met with Kate Forbes and discussions are being had regarding using the implementation of the report as an opportunity to create a “centre of excellence” in North Skye and replicating elsewhere.

Questions were raised by trustees over if the funding has been secured to implement these changes. Assurances have been given by NHS but no further details available.

**2. Outdoor Activities Group:**

Easter event has been arranged for Saturday the 13th of April. Likely to be at Bayfield. [ ] can help out. [ ] plans to meet [ ] from the Tongadale Hotel next week to discuss plans further.

Rabbies have confirmed they received the application to their community fund for the Outdoor Activity Group Fund. Some of this money will be used for skate ramps insurance. Any remaining can go into the pot for a potential play adventure area. [ ] will send photos of a good example of a bike ramp construction at the outdoor show. [ ] – [ ] from Rassay may be able to offer advice on how to develop this project.

**3.Treasurers Report:**

[ ] delivered the treasurers report. Thanks expressed to all who have helped with fundraising.

**4. FEI:**

[ ] provided update. Stage 2 application almost complete. The application includes a request for “start-up” costs, including employing a project officer, training and development for subgroups, community events and getting specialist support to finalise the purchase of the land and develop project proposals. We’ve been advised by Scottish Land Fund to apply for an officer to work part time for 18 months to take projects. [ ] to confirm that additional project officer will be required and what their exact remit would be.

Trust require a third deciding valuation on the common grazings as the initial valuations showed conflicting values.

[ ] will be progressing stage 1 for Tennis and Squash Club next week.

[ ] – has the Highland Council extended the boundary of the temporary car parking at the Old Swimming Pool site into the KG5? Can this be raised with Highland Council?

**5. Harbour:**

[ ] fed back on the harbour group meeting with MSP Kate Forbes. The group are encouraged by Kate's belief in this project and look forward to working together to lobby for required support.

Kate has agreed to arrange meetings with key decision makers including representatives from Scottish Futures Trust and MSP Paul Wheelhouse, minister of the islands, energy and connectivity.

**6. Bayfield:**

The outcome of RTIF for funding of a car and campervan parking development at the tennis and squash courts is being decided on 4th April. It may take another week or two for the trust to be notified.

The highland council are still waiting for the works order to be confirmed for phase 1 and confirmation of Duncan MacDonald’s start date to carry out the resurfacing.

[ ] fed back on plans for implementing parking charges at Bayfield. [ ] - the council do not have a date for when this may happen. If permit parking is introduced permit holders would be able to park anywhere in Bayfield. There is talk within the local council of developing more long stay parking elsewhere however no project plan is in place.

[ ] – a meeting is required to discuss long term plans with land owners at Bayfield. [ ] to arrange.

**7. Paths:**

Paths group are developing a proposal for four additional advertising boards. Planning permission will be applied for as a first step.

**8. Community Centre**

The community centre are interested in becoming a subgroup of the Trust. Trustees in support. Discussions to be progressed. Next opportunity for discussion with stakeholders is at the ward business meeting on Friday 29th of March.

Any master planning process for Portree should encompass the community centre and surrounding area. [ ] – could the hall be rebuilt on the Old Swimming Pool site? [ ] – a needs assessment is required.

**9. Police House:**

[ ] and [ ] are exploring this opportunity under the health services subgroup. No recent progress.

**10.Fundrasing:**

[ ] – the trust would benefit from having a small group of people who could take ownership over fundraising events. [ ] , [ ] and [ ] agreed to form group.

**11. Events**

[ ] fed back on meeting with events group. 5 members are active. Events group have agreed to come along to next trust meeting. They are exploring local funds and other grant funding. The group are organised and have produced a mission and vision and a list of aim and objectives. [ ] – the trust should look to support the group and their fundraising efforts wherever possible.

**12. OACB**

The trust currently doesn’t have a secretary. HIE have highlighted that this should be a priority for the trust. [ ] had mentioned she would like to be involved with trust. [ ] to follow up.

Toilet signs – Signs at the Green and at the Pier to promote trust toilets are needed. Would Highland Council Pay for these? [ ] to follow up.

**13. DONM**

**17th April 2019 7pm at Jans.**