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

**Minutes of Trustee’s Board Meeting**

Wed 15th May 2019 7pm @ Jans

1.Present: Donnie Nicolson (DN) , Fiona Thomson (FT) Bill Edgar (BE) Janice MacHugh (JM) Shona Cameron (SC) Jen Pearson (JP) Ross Cowie (RC) Janice McGuire (JMc) Irene Deplano (ID) Ann Marie Campbell (AC) Duncan Brown (DB) Dorothy Urquhart (DU) Neil Campbell (NC)

Apologies: Calum Matheson, Margaret MacDonald, Chris James

2.Approved: AM Seconded JM

3.Treasurer’s Report:

DB delivered the treasurers report. Just over £600 has been spent on a large branded gazebo. The fundraising group are to recoup this at the Skye Show and through other events / activities.

DB and FT to review income and expenditure to ensure books are in order for end of year accounts.

4.FEI:

FT fed back. The value of the KG5 and the Common Grazing has not been confirmed as the boundaries are not clear. Further surveys will be required. A meeting has been requested to discuss.

5.Harbour:

FT fed back. The Portree Harbour group met with Ms Forbes, Paul Wheelhouse who is the Minister of Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, representatives from Transport Scotland and Neil Rutherford who is Senior Associate Director of the Scottish Futures Trust. [Skye Connect](https://www.facebook.com/SkyeConnected/?__tn__=K-R&eid=ARDeekJ0-2OIkeivTyX3C_stMK5fwvgzc_cxxG0GTWxM_-wpNkiiWy0mRsLHRsgcWZKb7IvPGBLbwnew&fref=mentions&__xts__%5B0%5D=68.ARDrlTbmy_wWyKHJLL4MTYsl5lVbA2WPRIuF6I9rsP5h3NUQsxREN5m2-gN_NRVg_o7rAS07q1NEbsiUhYluHED8RmHrYH6Bq-iPgBQd1DEIwz_FUBLw1La-wW-iiw7dGVZdrVswabtzp_DQtCDRO8CMlouHBR9JCfkwrT4aLQg0PWytCa_KawjkzR_wu4jaA4TGhsZzTm8cgQxJr0Kl-t9Ok5qRWF9WrNmXLMUOjMbYB2J_jpGM1ibYQe50VOE1I46jjV4BYlyZqfxbBj8wQ2Fh9se4F61A6__hXxDFTrz85mERXtHlFBBg6a5CDgq9wu-EwQfyjKxxtCdefm2esMO4soxsSRKBLUC-VHqiEuQqPAKdIEL0BoFY50AAO7KcVzXkVu79CUGG9HXcbdY4P2yQxmCDaI6JxTPmZ9LBcNu717E3T91MbnxHWAW67y_-JfM8H6AMhkM5qFFziGWnNgEIXaQQqWaccRGhNIMkntA9nRp_pteI6A)'s Alistair Danter and Councillor Ronald Macdonald were there to strengthen local representation. The Scottish Futures Trust are a branch of the government who work to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of infrastructure investment in Scotland. The meeting with Neil was productive. He recommended the group spend a few thousand pounds to develop an up to date document detailing the potential benefits of a harbour development to various bodies and use this to win support. The main objective of meeting with Mr Wheelhouses team was to inspire them to support the project and encourage others to do so. They have been since been in touch with some suggestions for funding and the group are going to keep contact.

6.Bayfield:

We won’t hear back about the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund until June. Group agreed that a press release needs to be issued ASAP. FT to follow up. Work in progressing re: opening the tennis courts for parking. How are they going to delineate the space? ID suggested using spray paint, would this be suitable?

FT – no further details have been issued re: introducing parking charges at Bayfield. Once introduced the HC have suggested that parking permits will cost around £10 per month.

DB and DN – an individual approached the Trust to ask if they could rent a space at Bayfield for their pizza catering trailer. This is not suitable as the individual would be selling pizza in very close proximity to another pizza shop which is due to open this summer. DB suggested the community centre is approached; this could be an opportunity for them to generate income from their carpark. . FT to follow up.

7.Bayfield Clean Up Day

Arrangements were made for the Bayfield litter pick.

8.Outdoor Activity Group

The outdoor activity group are working on a proposal for Bayfield west which details the kind of outdoor activities that they would be interested in developing. They are considering a nature / sculpture trail which would include play elements for children. OAG to discuss with Bayfield group.

8.Health Services and First Responders

FT delivered an update. The first batch of the health services newsletter has been distributed. The next newsletter will be issued at the end of June.

Sophie and the community reps are focusing on progressing workstreams as far as possible before Sir Lewis Ritchie visits at the end of May. The Cabinet Secretary for Health is also visiting end May. Sophie has also been supporting the organisation of the first responders information evenings. Portree event to go ahead on Tuesday the 27th of May at Tigh na Sgire from 7pm-9pm

9.Allotments:

RC fed back on allotments. The Housing Association have proposed a solution to which the trust has agreed. The solution is to restrict the land being transferred to Scottish Water to exclude the ground over which Home Farm Limited holds a charge. This land would be instead transferred to PBCT and would be subject to a right of access for Scottish water and ultimately the association.

10.Paths and Signs:

FT has been in touch with Donald Kennedy and arranged a meeting next Tuesday at 4pm at Tigh na Sgire in the hope that [ ] a local tour guide might be able to attend and offer some support.

[ ] who has a background in Community Education / Youth Work and who came along on the walk last year was interested in getting involved in trust projects and particularly in the sponsored walk and the walking leaflet. [ ] has the time and experience to push the project forward in collaboration with the rest of the group

NC confirmed that the community council are happy for the trust to submit a planning application via the CC for the advertising boards. FT to follow up.

11.Events

FT fed back. The events group have met twice in the last month. The decision has been made to prioritise:

* the purchase of some new xmas lights that could be installed and in operation over the xmas period including up lighting for features in the square
* the delivery of a family friendly xmas light switch on event incorporating light up a life.
* collaborating with local businesses and organising some entertainment to enhance the Hogmanay celebrations.

A meeting was also held with [ ] a local lighting specialist, and a senior member of the HCroads department. The representative the group spoke to from the council had confirmed that unfortunately there will be no budget from the council for xmas celebrations this year however, he believes that there is a lot of good will from within the council to support xmas celebrations. Some workers from various departments have already offered their time if required.

The group have a plan for fundraising - FT to apply to Tesco Bags of Help on their behalf to fund the cost of purchasing a 17ft xmas tree. A Just Giving page for the trust has been approved and can be promoted once info is uploaded and the group are planning a bag pack in June. DU – could secondhand lights be sources from other towns? Could a lantern parade be incorporated? DB – would businesses be interested in a best window display competition? SC – would they consider planting a real tree? This would be more environmentally friendly.

12.Community Centre:

FT has contacted John Gordon for an update and to arrange a meeting to discuss next steps. DB – KG5 goals are being taken away. New goals have been ordered.

13.Fundraising:

DU – the fundraising function is going ahead on the 25th May. AC to provide percolator and urn. DU will need a float. Shops to be approached for baking.

Skye Show – place booked. JP has Vegware cups that she can donate if the trust go ahead with selling soup.

14. Cycling UK

FT recently met with Amanda Wagstaff who is a development officer for Cycling Uk and Mark Crow who owns the Bike Shack in Skeobost. Amanda was asked to focus on Cycling development in more rural areas and so contacted both to discuss how to support and promote cycling activity in the area.

Amanda can support the Trust with an application for the Bike Big Revival Scheme which offers £800 for relevant activities and events in the area. This could cover the costs for a year of, for example, bike maintenance workshops, cycling proficiency for adults, guided cycles and regular volunteer lead social cycles. Concerns exist within group that cycling opportunities will still be limited unless cycle paths or accessible routes can be developed.

Amanda thinks there would be potential for PBCT to work in the same way as The Skye Cycle way group in Broadford with the long-term aim of a cycle path from Portree to Braes.

15.Toilets:

A new cleaner is needed. DU will ask [ ] . The outside of the toilets also needs cleaned. [ ] from the lifeboat has a power washer.

16.Skye Half Marathon:

Going ahead on 8th June. DB, NC, SC, BE confirmed. FT to arrange.

17.AOCB

FT - hard copies of newsletters will costs approx £198 for 250 copies. Group think there is an opportunity to get them printed at lower cost. All agreed FT to pursue sponsorship opportunities.

AC organised a work party to do a litter pic – well done to all.

BE – would the trust be interesting in purchasing a water bowser for the watering of the village plants. All agreed. £300 to come out of paths, signs and flowers group (new name tbc)

18.DONM – 12th June, 17th July, 14th August.