**P&BCT (SCIO)**

**TRUSTEE’S BOARD MEETING**

**9am Thur 25th May 2017**

**Jans, Industrial Estate, Portree**

**Present:**  Myra MacLeod (MM), Neil Campbell (NC), Roger Liley (RL), Donnie Nicolson (DN), Duncan Brown (DB), Calum Matheson (CM), Dorothy Ann Urquhart (DAU).

**Apologies:** Bill Edgar (BE), Neil Montgomery (NM), Heckie Cormack (HC).

**Also Present:** Sarah Kalaher, Portree Nursery. Faye MacLeod, CSM&Co.

**Welcome:** All welcomed to the meeting. [ ] introduced Sarah Kalaher, manager of Portree Nursery, who was attending to express concerns over future of Portree Nursery to Trust members. Portree Nursery pay rent for site to HC and are concerned that ongoing changes with Education facilities will jeopardise their business. They can at present accommodate up to 28 children but with demand for spaces predicted to double by 2020 they wish to be in a position to cater for increase.

They were told of Community Empowerment Act and as an existing business they can make application to Community Land Fund regarding taking on ownership of ground. There is also possibility of Trust taking over ownership of ground and working with Nursery. They were also advised to liaise with John Gordon who is looking into future of Camanachd Square improvements.

We will await update from Sarah.

**Treasurer’s Report:** [ ] Full accounts and financial position discussed

**Branding:** [ ] showed meeting options for logos put forward by HC. Following robust discussion [ ] will pass Board’s suggestions to [ ] Frame for new website complete and just needs to be filled out.

There is more activity and interaction on fb.

**Bayfield:** [ ] is presently waiting for Tesco funding to purchase picnic furniture for Bayfield.

He has met [ ] who was involved with previous groups who had looked at improvements to Bayfield; they met with Willie MacKinnon ward manager and talked over previous/future plans for Bayfield. Willie MacKinnon does not see HC giving up ownership of Bayfield as future intention is to charge for parking. [ ] would see way forward as Trust having ownership of ground with fees raised from any parking enabling employment of maintenance person.

[ ] has suggested having a trials bike area behind resource centre; this could be done as part of school project

[ ] spoke of play area for children in Bayfield similar to pirate ship (wooden play area).

All realise potential of area for improvement.

[ ] to form sub group

**Harbour:** [ ] reports that meeting with [ ] had to be postponed. Following their upcoming meeting the harbour users will then be spoken with.

**Helipad:** [ ] reports that repairs are being carried out, with hopefully the end being in sight. At present bills from Craik MacRae & Caberfeidh Electrics will be paid from SESC account as helipad has not been transferred to Trust yet. [ ]

**Insurance:** A quote was received from[ ]

There was a query over the amount for employer’s liability. [ ] to raise this with NFU. However there was agreement to go ahead and purchase insurance cover with NFU.

F**EI:** [ ] The Land Fund has acknowledged receipt of Trust application for consultation funding. This should be considered in June with a reply expected within following 4 weeks. [ ]

**Local Development Plan:** [ ] suggested that there are no problems with proposed plans.

**Toilets:** [ ] have signed HC licence to occupy re pier toilets. [ ] reports that he has meeting with LEADER later this date. He is awaiting money verbally promised from harbour users.

The LSHA had promised to take over the operational management, but the pier project alone is too small and they suggested [ ]incorporate the pier toilet management as a component of the proposed P&BCT project workers brief as an interim measure.

Re Bayfield macerating plant building. Water board just have wall panel in building that they use. Rest of building is empty. They have been quoted a price of £60k to move this equipment out of the building (which they won’t cover). Discussion on possibilities with macerating plant. Option of old squash court as possible alternative. [ ]

 **Trust Structure:** [ ] ran through persons involved in various groups and need to strengthen some groups. [ ]

[ ] concerned that funding is being missed due to not having a person overseeing funding opportunities as they arise. Suggested that [ ] be invited to take up this position, which would enable him to attend to this from home without need to attend meetings.

[ ] raised matter of Skye Connect being umbrella to all community groups and working together on

projects.

**AOCB:**

[ ]

**Sluggans Woodland:** Deferred till next meeting.

**MSP meeting:** Invite to attend Aros 9th June, meet with Kate Forbes MSP

**Date of AGM:** Defer till next meeting

**DONM:** Thursday 29 June 2017 2pm at Jans