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

**Minutes of Trustee’s Board Meeting**

Wednesday 19th December 2018 7pm @ Jans

**Present:** Donnie Nicolson (DN) Bill Edgar (BE) Myra Macleod (MM) Ross Cowie (RC) Neil Campbell (NC) Margaret MacDonald (MM) Irene Deplano (ID) Janice McGuire (JM) Duncan Brown (DB) Graham Smith (GS).

**Apologies:** Chris James, Roddie MacHugh, Janice MacHugh, Shona Cameron

**2. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes Approved [ ]Seconded [ ]

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurers report delivered.

Two cheques have been received towards the Project Officer Salary costs. We are waiting on a cheque from [ ] which is due shortly.

**4. FEI:** - Final FEI feasibility study has been circulated to Trustees and will be available to the public shortly. Trustees offered feedback. There are no significant changes required.

**5. Harbour:** FT fed back on harbour developments.Chris Fisher came to present his proposal to harbour group members, [ ]. Attendees found it useful as an information session and to meet with Chris. [ ] going to speak to the chief executive of HIE to gain some feedback on the proposal. Willie will feed back on discussions councillors have had re: proposal for masterplans.

**6. Bayfield / Portree Parking Options Appraisal:** [ ] fed back on Bayfield progress. A huge well done to Bill Edgar and the volunteers who cleared the tennis court site. It was a bigger job than first expected. If the garden waste pile cannot be burned the Trust may need to organise for it to be removed. A planning application has been submitted by HC to develop the area into parking.

**7. Outdoor Activity Group:** [ ] checked the ramps and there's no significant damage from the van incident reported. The group are still awaiting LEADER grant payment so the Highland Council loan can’t be repaid yet. [ ] contacted Rabbies and will submit a funding application to their community fund. The group will be meeting in the New Year to discuss advertising for new members and a potential project at Bayfield. [ ] spoke about the possibility of a bike pump track at Bayfield and is going to follow-up with some contacts after Christmas / NY and get back to us. No progress re: reviewing current lease.

**8.Health Services:** One applicant has been interviewed. Another has confirmed their interview on Friday. A third is yet to confirm. A fourth applicant withdrew their application.

Once the start date is finalised FT will be working with health services group to arrange the induction period. The group are confident that they will have a suitable candidate.

[ ] stated that Sir Lewis Ritchie complimented the trust on their efforts re: securing the project support officer.

**9. Paths Subgroup:** [ ] concerned that the slippery steps at Lisigarry would be a risk to users. The trust are legally responsible for ensuring they are safe to use. All agreed this issue needs attended to as a matter of urgency. [ ] will follow up with contact to ask if he can help.

FT has reviewed date for walking challenge 2019 and no clashes as yet. No progress on paths project but aiming to form a group in the new year.

**10.Community Centre:** FT fed back on meeting with stakeholders of Park Road/Camanachd Square. Portree Primary School , Nursery, Community Centre Committee, Councillors, PBCT, Housing Association and Community Council were in attendance.

The housing association (HA) are going to confirm start date of the planned housing development at the old bus garage site as soon as possible. Work will take approx 13 months.

While this work is ongoing the HA are looking to free up as much parking space as possible as some existing parking space will be taken up at various stages throughout the build.

HC and the HA propose to resurface the Old Swimming Pool site for this purpose and asked for the Trusts support due to the Trust having an expression of interest in this site. The use will be temporary. FT and [ ] agreed to this at the meeting on behalf of the trust. Trustees in support.

Highland Council (HC) and HA asked the trust if they would be open to considering other temporary sites for the skate ramps. HA would arrange upgrade works if an alternative site requires improving. It was agreed that if other suitable sites could be found PBCT would consider options, but no commitment was made. This was posed to Trustees who are unanimously against considering other sites. It is a condition of leader funding { post meeting amendment – it is a condition of insurance not leader funding } that ramps are situated on the red pitch. Trustees concerned that the site would not be available when the Trust wanted to return the ramps to their original location. Other locations would not be as accessible. FT will feedback at next Park Road / Camanachd Square stakeholder meeting.

HA offered to provide any advice and information relating to the land boundaries at KGV/Camanachd Square/Park Road. Lesley Kirkwood, legal services manager has been in touch since to request further info.

Portree Community Centre Committee (PCCC) are to identify what short term measures/work is required to allow the centre to reopen. PCCC are still looking at in the region of 12.5 k for electrical works. LSHA to speak with Compass Building and Construction Services to see what help and support they could provide while carrying out adjacent works.

P&BCT/PCCA are to put in writing what has been agreed between both parties as a joint working relationship for the development of the KGV/Camanachd Square/Park Road area.

[ ] highlighted that the community centre own part of the car park in the area. This land is valuable and it should be secured for the community.

**11. Fundraising:** SC is carrying out ongoing inquiries re: sourcing additional information boards to be installed in the village. DB is finalising a date for curry fundraising night.

**12. AOCB**

**Toilets:** More holidays have been requested over the festive period. All agreed to shut over the holidays and re-open in February.Toilets will need a clean on the outside in the new year.

**Newsletter:** Agreed that it would be better to leave issuing the first newsletter until the new year when people are not distracted with Christmas.FT to progress.

**Police House:** It was agreed that the health services group will submit an Expression Of Interest for the Police House proposing that it be used for temporary accommodation for Hospital Workers. FT to progress.

**13. DONM:**

Wed 13th Feb at 7pm Wed 13th March at 7pm