

**Portree and Braes Community Trust**  
**Board Meeting Development Officer Report**  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

**Development Officer Work Plan for September / October.**

Total days available in the coming month – 20

<b>Task</b>	<b>No. of days allocated</b>
Re-imagining Camanachd Square phase 2 – work with Rural developing final option	3
Community Centre – Place based fund grant administration	2.5
Bayfield Phase 3 – prepare discussion document and arrange meeting	2.5
National Lottery Community Led Fund application (allotments)	2
Toilet facility management and arrange new signage	2
Helipad funding research and proposal	1
Board meeting minutes, report and arrangements	1
Progress Skye Resilience Group arrangements (SCR)	1
Matheson Place Lease Arrangements	1
Light Up Portree event support	1
Health Services Project officer funding review	1
PBCT Membership administration	1
Continue working with 3D4 on cyber protection procedures	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Active Awards</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
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 £12,905.52

Info boards / Advertising - £2,934.54

Toilets - £139.98

Bayfield - £7130.44

Paths - £483.44

FEI Land Purchase - £975.84

Events - £12,177.53

Playparks - £35,138.20

Allotments - £8,571.16

Helipad - £5,521.13

Skye Community Response - £39,548.07

Coastal Communities (Camanachd Square) - £3488.72

Speak up for Gaelic - £4,344.04

Health Services - £2,724.42 (including wages)

**Total £135,955.08**

## Updates

### Board of Trustees

- Chris James has submitted his resignation as trustee. He has enjoyed seeing how far the trust has grown since he's been involved and working with everyone on the board. Chris is still happy to carry out the weekly skate ramps checks and to share any of his previous research on skate park developments.

### Bayfield Group

- The income from Bayfield has still not been issued from THC to PBCT. The Bayfield group are in discussion with FT about what next steps to take to raise the issue higher.
- FT sent a chaser email to Scottish Water re: the maceration plant proposal on 22<sup>nd</sup> August however has not had a response yet. FT completed the expression of interest to The Crown Estate Sustainable Communities Fund regardless. If successful PBCT will be invited to submit a full application to this fund. FT indicated that PBCT would be looking for around £15k for a feasibility study + £5k towards project officer costs to help deliver the project .
- Income from the waste disposal unit this past month was good. £264 in total. (88 users @ £3 per go)

## **Harbour Group**

- No updates

## **Speak Up for Gaelic**

- Boat trip organised, over-subscribed so second boat arranged
- Two boats filled
- Expected northerly wind meant that trip had to be cancelled
- No expenditure other than project officer costs and refreshments for conversational group, but boat trip will have to be rearranged. Stardust were exceptionally generous, offering to provide one boat FOC, but there is money in budget to cover these costs - £360 per boat. Fee will be due to Cailean Maclean for his preparation and time.
- Funding coming to a close in late October. No further funding applied for at this stage.
- Attendances = 516, so target is met (500).

## **Strategic Plan**

- FT has been coordinating the review of the draft terms of reference prepared by CsMco and making arrangements for the strategy meeting taking place before the trust meeting.

## **Allotments**

TBC

## **Helipad**

- Unfortunately, the main Helipad Lighting unit has failed. This is the unit that the Helicopter Pilots could switch the lights on with and would automatically switch the lights off after being on for 60mins. In the meantime, the lights have been changed to a manual switch. NC has made key contacts aware that if a landing is planned during the hours of darkness arrangements should be made to switch the lights on. Neil has issued information on who to ask for help.
- The helipad is however still fully operational the only difference is night landings which require the lights to be manually switched on so doesn't affect the requests we normally get.
- PBCT have had 3 x requests in the last month. 1 x which generated a donation of £100 and 2 x which were cancelled.

- NC provided some background for those who aren't aware – the helipad was originally set up by the Emergency Services Association (ESA) and then re-furbished by the PBCT when they took it on when the ESA was disbanded.
- NC has recommended that now might be a good time to do some general upkeep which would simply involve:

New Pad Light Control Unit

Repaint the pad marking and detail.

- Funding may be required. Further discussion required.

### **Advertising**

- Isle of Skye Seafari send apologies as they had set up a DD but realised recently this been working. They will resolve ASAP. Isle of Skye Seafari also owe money for advertising on the pier toilets and FT is in the process of confirming how this will be paid.
- Two boards are still empty.

### **Toilets**

- Income from previous month (August) :  
Cubicle A (Mens) Had 559 uses @ 50p per use = £279.50  
Cubicle B (disabled) had 239 uses @ 50p per use = £119.50
- Reliable cleaning team now in place.
- The door closer on cubicle B is still not closing reliably but FT will look at a solution as soon as soon time becomes available.
- Discussion re: electricity (THC) and water charges (Scottish Water) at the pier still to take place.
- FT and RC discussing opportunities to improve signage to make users more aware of charity ownership. We know from conversations with the harbour master that many users assume it is highland council managed.

### **Community Centre**

- FT is working with PU on revising the proposed spend for the Place Based Investment Funding as the priorities for spending have changed in the time that has passed since the funding was awarded. If the deadline for spending the fund can be extended this would ease the pressure on the PCCA however if not, the committee will work with the time they have.
- Small hall is being used by various community groups including for example for fitness classes. Inquiries are being received via the community centre Facebook page.
- SEALL have given their notice to leave and are finding alternative office space. They have arranged to pay all outstanding bills.

## **Camanachd Square**

- Rural Design have closed the community survey now and they are discussing how best to summarise the results and update the Trust webpage etc. 20 people joined the online discussion and presentation event.
- Comments and questions from the event were supportive and wide-ranging:
  - Great presentation, lots of good ideas, all credit to everyone involved.
  - The building is a great space, let's renovate it if we can.
  - The large and the small hall are both valuable but need to be accessed independently, with better dressing rooms and storage space for groups - and cheaper heat and power than in the past!
  - The focus on community activity is good, but let's do something for visitors as well - like some green space and canopies for visitors on the odd wet day we have.
  - Sports participation is increasing all the time - particularly shinty but also cricket, rugby, running and others. We need to find a way that preserves the King George as public recreation space whilst also allowing organisations to use it for matches and practice - not forgetting events like the Agricultural Show.
- Once the results are summarised it will be the responsibility of the trust to agree a final "option" so PBCT / PCCA's input will be required until phase 2 of the project has been completed - the deadline for this is December 2022.

## **Health Services (submitted by Project Officer, Sophie Isaacson)**

### Portree Urgent Care –

All posts which were open for Advanced Nurse Practitioners are now filled. There is one further post which is a collaboration ANP / Paramedic hybrid post with SAS which is now out to advert online. Those recruited are due to start imminently or have just started on their training.

Some of the staff recruited are already fully trained however most of the new staff have to undergo training for their clinical portfolio before they can practice independently, A breakdown of training to be completed by new recruits ; One ANP should have their training completed by Oct/Nov and another early next year so looking. At that point NHSH will be looking to re-introduce a degree of service to Portree. An Urgent Care working group has been set up and has met once already – it is looking at exactly **how** and **when** Urgent care could be opened safely and what might be needed to ensure it is a sustainable service going forward. It is due to meet again this Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) . The current service is not ideal but it is clinically safe and Advanced Practitioners will go out to see patients.

### Implementation Plan Group –

This new group has already met once and will meet again on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Their aim is to work through outstanding Sir Lewis Ritchie recommendations and take action to develop them. It is being Led by Ross Mackenzie from NHS Highland.

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### Communications and Engagement Group -

This is another new group which is welcomed. NHS Highland want to work together with the community to distribute clear messages and updates as they develop the SLR recommendations. This will be done in partnership with the Health & Wellbeing Project

Officer and some community members with the community members feeding in key questions and concerns. This group hopes to use the WHFP, Echo, Social Media and Local radio to distribute messages each month. It will meet for a second time to get working on the first comms output in the next month.

#### Skye Community Response

The existing SCR committee will establish the terms under which the new organisation shall operate when it is a standalone organisation and initiate the establishment of a new committee. It was acknowledged that this process may take up to 6 months to get right and to ensure that the future of Skye Community Response is secure. Date of next meeting Friday 7th of October 10am via Zoom

Budhmòr move to Home farm is now complete. Most of the works being done on Home farm are finished with a few of the more minor jobs continuing.

#### Festival of learning 2022 –

The Festival of learning has been postponed – please see the statement from the festival of learning team here - Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the subsequent period of National Mourning, we are regretfully cancelling the Remote and Rural Festival of Learning due to take place on 19 to 30 September. Please note that all training sessions are cancelled, which includes online/hybrid and in-person. We are working with partners to reschedule and appreciate your understanding.

#### Filmography Project -

The Filmography project is progressing. We have now almost finished our fourth film with crossroads which is being edited and are filming our next with the team at Am Fasgadh this Thursday at 1pm.

#### Community Forum -

The next Community Forum will meet this Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup>). Membership is now around 25 members. More details and notes of meetings can be found here [COMMUNITY FORUM | Healthskyeandrasay \(healthandwellnessskye.com\)](https://www.healthandskyeandrasay.com/healthandwellnessskye.com)

### **Outdoor Activity Group**

- Fundraising going well.
- Recent Bingo night raised £2000.
- £10k has been granted from Vattenenfall windfarm
- A meeting was held recently with THC contacts and it was agreed that all parties will aim to have the park completed by Easter 2023. As some grant funders require there to be a lease in place before granting funding this is now a priority. FT is working with the group to contact relevant officers at THC.
- Chris James has stood down but will continue with the weekly checks on the skate ramps.

## Community Events Group

- Group working on plans for The Autumn Fling event.
- Event outgoings are approx. £9,500.
- Projected income is £10,500.
- Weather is looking dry.
- Group has spent some time organising event equipment and relocating from the community centre.

## Insurance

- FT met with Jake from NFU to gain a better understanding of insurance requirements.
- FT was asked for information about the wages and turnover and Jake was in touch afterwards to explain that due to the increase in these areas there would be a direct impact on the cost of insurance PBCT are currently paying. He explained the fee would have to be increased by £141.82 to account for this.
- Similarly, Jake suggested that the business interruption cover fee would have to be increased, by £136.08 . This cover is optional, however.
- The additional cost to cover replacement of the new event lighting and gazebos would be £97.26 additional per year. Would LUP like to have this insurance?
- Decisions / further discussion with NFU is required urgently here as NFU have issued PBCTs annual bill with these additional charges added on and until this is paid / amended PBCT's insurance cover is at risk.

## Discussion required

## Windfarm Proposals.

- PBCT have been invited along to the Muirhall energy consultation at The Skye Gathering Hall between 4pm – 7pm on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Their recent communications explained that they would like to discuss with PBCT the proposed £2m annual community investment fund, the opportunity of up to 10% community shared ownership, and the work they are undertaking to improve connectivity in the area. They further explained that the consultation events will detail the key changes they have made to the layout since the initial public consultation events in April, including the removal of a number of turbines to reduce visual impacts from key viewpoints and settlements, which has led to an overall reduction in turbine numbers from 59 to 53.
- There will be an opportunity to discuss this further at the board meeting with Faye Macleod.

**Discussion Required.**

## **Cost of Living Crisis**

Councillor Drew Millar has been in touch to inquire if there is anything further the community organisations in Portree and Braes can do to help address the cost of living crisis . Drew has been invited along to the board meeting to speak briefly on this and share information he is receiving via Highland council channels.

**Discussion Required.**