

Minutes of Meeting of the PBCT Board Meeting, held on Wednesday, 20 April 2022 at 7pm

Present: Calum Matheson (Chair), Duncan Brown, Ross Cowie, Bill Edgar, Tiffany Maberley, Neil Campbell, Fiona Thomson, Irene Deplano, Iona MacDonald (Minutes).

Observing: Siân Falconer

Apologies: Chris James, John Boyd, Peter Urquhart, Graham Smith, Anne Marie Campbell, Lorna Cormack.

The advance notes also form part of the full minutes.

Welcome: Calum welcomed the trustees and attendees to the meeting.

Check-in/Good News: The Youth Philanthropy bid for £3000 towards the Playpark had progressed to Round 2.

Allotments: A celebratory event (barbecue) was planned for Saturday 23rd July, in conjunction with Atlas Arts.

Harbour: the original £14m bid by Highland Council had recently been upped to £40m and was thought to be a much stronger bid. This would need to be approved by HC members for submission in July. Result expected in Sept/Oct.

Volunteers: Tiff Maberley was elected to the Board of Trustees. Proposed: Chris James, Seconded: Calum Matheson.

Allotments: Kathryn Myles would be acting as Group Treasurer/Fund Administrator, with two other volunteers on the group.

To Do list:

- Complete installation and set up of waste disposal unit payment system
- Progress stage 1 application to scottish land fund re: maceration plant
- Develop Bayfield phase 3 project in collaboration with HC – Calum Matheson to attend meeting regarding this on 25th April.
- Complete advertising board sales
- Produce signage for Bayfield woodland
- Employ project officer for SLF project and carry out hand over (Allotments)
- Complete application to Inspiring Communities Fund for x 1 (additional) full time Development Officer post
- Progress stage 2 application for King George V purchase
- Complete Feature and Inspire Video promotion project (health care)
- Membership database and sign-up processes review (required so trust can apply to the community right to buy scheme for the Certas site)
- Oversee SCR succession plan
- Update trustee signatories

Advertising Boards: Price of boards has been reduced to £750/year. 2 left. Invoices being sent out for 1 May.

Bayfield Woodland: signage requirements – approved by group.

SLF Project Officer: the employment of a p/t project officer had been approved. An ad would appear in this week's WHFP with a two-week application deadline.

Inspiring Communities Fund: (Additional development officer) – application not yet started but would be underway and completed for May deadline.

KGV Purchase: Application for stage 2 underway. Can submit a valuation. Mapping being undertaken by Donald MacSween, with assistance from the Camanachd Square budget.

Health: Sophie progressing with a health care video, highlighting opportunities in health and social care locally.

Membership Database: Database need to be updated prior to application for Right to Purchase – Certas site.

Skye Community Response Succession Plan. A meeting of the SCR group was being held this Friday where succession plans would be discussed. This had a bearing of the remaining SCR funds in the PBCT bank account.

New item – RBS Banking – Duncan was having problems with RBS regarding security issues, constitution, etc. All requests by the bank had been met, but they were still threatening to freeze the account. Duncan was requesting approval to move banks if necessary. This was approved by the meeting. Ross Cowie commented that, if at all possible, the account should be kept at a bank in Portree, to support the maintenance of local branches. Calum Matheson and Duncan Brown would arrange a meeting with Lorraine Nicolson at RBS to hopefully find a resolution, as moving banks would involve a great deal of work for the Trust.

Issue List:

Strategic Plan – Sian Falconer (CSMCo) commented that the plan was still in its early stages and would take some time to establish itself. Replies had been received from all groups and fact-finding meetings were in progress. Each group was identifying its objectives, and looking at it a five-year plan. CSMCo were also keen that volunteer skills were utilised. Sian could be contacted at SFalconer@csmco.net.

Toilets: This group has no trustee lead at present. Problems had been experienced with the payment mechanism and Malcolm Hendry was considering other options. The payments were important to fund cleaning and the HC Comfort Scheme would not cover this whole cost. ACTION: Ross Cowie would take this up with Malcolm Hendry.

New Style Meetings/Reporting – feedback was invited from the group. Some preferred the old system, where topics were discussed in depth at each meeting. Others preferred the new system with a report for information in advance. Calum Matheson felt that tonight's meeting had gone well, and the business had been completed in a reasonable time.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on 18th May. The afternoon time did not suit several members and therefore the meeting will be held at 7pm.

Close: The meeting was closed at 8.15pm