**PORTREE & BRAES COMMUNITY TRUST (SCIO)**

**TRUSTEE’S BOARD MEETING**

7PM Wed 6th December 2017

Jans, Industrial Estate, Portree

**Attendance:** Chris James (CJ), Donnie Nicolson (DN), Duncan Brown (DB), Bill Edgar (BE), Ross Cowie (RC), Myra MacLeod (MM)

**Also Present:** Thomas Wilson (TW)

**Apologies:**  Neil Campbell, Calum Matheson, Irene Deplano, Dorothy Urquhart, Graham Smith

**Treasurer’s Report:** [ ]

**FEI:** [ ], FEI consultation is due to commence next Tuesday. This is to be led by Dr Calum MacLeod, sustainable development consultant and Duncan MacPherson, development consultant. They will meet with Trustees on Tuesday afternoon and explain their involvement. Whilst on Skye they will meet with some stakeholders and get the ball rolling. Will meet with [ ] who will initially represent crofters in respect of Shulishader common grazing ground.

**Outdoor Activity Group: [ ]** as a group they need to raise £2.5k which will give 25% of cost of equipment, are holding various fundraising events. A difficulty is trying to arrange insurance cover; they are looking into possible agreement with High Life Highland where in exchange for insurance cover being provided the equipment might be leant out to other areas in Skye.

[ ] spoke of facility in Rutherglen for future development possibly Bayfield and will forward link to [ ].

**Bayfield:** Picnic benches should be in place in New Year. Looking to install BBQ/fire pit at Bayfield + wishing well for donations.

Has meeting next Monday (11th December) with Highland Council and LSHA re future of parking at Bayfield.

**Toilets:** [ ], trustees had met with Highland Council representatives and they are not willing to continue providing toilet cleaner costs. As such the toilets will close with immediate effect and a decision made for next season to be discussed over the winter.

Highland Council toilet cleaning costs are £22k. If we took over responsibility for cleaning toilets we would need 50k people paying 50p to cover costs.

£7.5k needed to clean pier toilets

DB no one within present Trustee group can commit to taking toilets project over from departing trustee [ ]

[ ] is willing to lobby council representatives for toilet facilities in area, but not looking to provide facilities that council should be providing.

[ ] advises against any takeover of toilets on The Green as there have been problems since construction.

[ ] spoke of approaching Skye Connect. [ ] to approach Skye Connect

**Allotments:** [ ], Letter received from Duncan Burd, Alpin Stewart LSHA solicitor has forwarded copy plan of allotments site, showing area to be transferred to Trust and area being passed to Scottish Water etc. This has been checked by Katie MacDonald our Trust Solicitor who sees no problem with drawings. Reply sent to D Burd.

**Project Officer:** [ ], We can still negotiate with HIE over Development Officer (DO)[ ]

**DTAS:** [ ] attended a meeting to which all Skye & Lochalsh Trusts had been invited at An Crubh, Duisdale, a community hub built by Duisdale Initiative. DTAS representatives Rory Dutton and Ian Cook led the event. Good Skye wide representation and similar problems encountered by most groups, volunteer fatigue is of concern and has been identified by DTAS previously.

**AOCB:** Fundraisers

 End of January Burns night Tongadale

 3rd March Quiz and Curry night Braes Hall

 [ ] has spoken with [ ] over gates at Braes. Doesn’t see need to replace them. He has spoken with [ ] who will raise matter with crofters.

[ ] during meeting with Highland Council they had brought up matter of Storr Development being 30% on P&BCT ground area. [ ]

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**DONM 7pm Wed 17th January 2018 at Jans**