

Portree and Braes Community Trust

Meeting of The Portree and Braes Community Trust Board – 23 January 2024 at 7pm at Portree Community Centre (Small Hall)

	Item	Minutes	Action Points
1	Welcome, Introductions Apologies	Present: Calum Matheson (Chair), Duncan Brown (Treasurer), Peter Urquhart (Vice-chair) Trustees: Graham Smith, Neil Campbell, Irene Deplano, John Boyd. Staff: Fiona Thomson (Development Officer), Iona MacDonald (Finance & Admin Officer). In Attendance: Roger Liley, Pam Simmister. Apologies: Lorna Cormack (Secretary), Annmarie Campbell	
2	Adoption of Minutes	Approved: Duncan Brown Seconded: Irene Deplano	
3	[Agenda Items]		
	Check in / good news stories / updates etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local P.O. is moving to Portree Community Centre for a temporary period from 8 February. It will be operating the same hours as currently (Thurs, Fri, Sat am. The Trust had raised over £10,000 through running successful bars at events over the last month. Peter Urquhart asked that thanks to Duncan Brown be recorded in the Minutes. WHFP have been in touch regarding the Softplay equipment and the KGV purchase and are keen to highlight. Allotments – work is progressing on small polytunnel and gazebos. 	
4	Volunteer / Employee headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie Isaacson has started her new contract with PBCT as (Health Officer). At 12 hrs/wk, this will be similar to her post before her maternity leave, ensuring that new and prospective NHS recruits have the information necessary to attract them to Skye and to retain them once here. 	
5	Issue List	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> KGV – Over £10K raised. Fundraising campaign “Sponsor a Square” about to launch. Businesses will be approached by Duncan to ask for their support. Another dance will be run in April with bar profits to KGV Fund. 	

		<p>II. Proposed National Park – The consultation is progressing well with good attendance at meetings and drop-in sessions. It is important to stress that Skye, Raasay and Rona will have the last say in how the park operates. The final report has to be submitted by 29 February, but 1 year of consultation would follow this, if the application is successful. The local Trusts will be invited to review the draft report on 19 February. The Trustees underlined that their role was merely as a facilitator for payment of the consultant and as a neutral bystander. It should be stressed that PBCT is NOT the applicant and the representation of community opinion was the responsibility of elected councillors and community councillors.</p> <p>III. The AGM of PBCT would be held on 6 February 2024 at 7pm in the Portree Community Centre Small Hall. There would be a community meal to draw the community in. Donations of baking , etc, would be welcome. Membership forms would be available on the night and KGV Campaign literature.</p> <p>IV. The draft Annual Accounts were presented and approved by Peter Urquhart, seconded by Neil Campbell.</p> <p>V. Events – Thanks were recorded to Lorna Cormack for her outstanding effort in bringing the very successful dance nights to fruition and for the long shifts put in both in advance of the events and after to make sure that the hall was left in a clean and welcoming state. A call for further volunteer effort to assist at these events would be made to the membership.</p> <p>VI. Membership – 6 new ordinary members and 4 new associate members had applied to join the Trust. These were approved by C Matheson and seconded by D Brown.</p>	
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6	Development Officer Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. FT provided an overview of the Development Officer Report. The treasurer's report has been detailed in the DO report. The following points were raised: II. Bank balances and individual budgets appeared healthy, and any deficits showing were expected to be covered by imminent grant income. III. A newsletter for membership and subscribers was currently being edited and was expected to be published and distributed by 26 January. IV. Lottery – plans for setting up a lottery were progressing well and expected to go live in the summer. Sponsorship would be sought to cover start-up costs. V. Old Swimming Pool site – preparations in hand for asset transfer. VI. KGV Project Officer – this post would be advertised next week. VII. FT's workplan was approved. 	
7	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Edgar, former Trustee, had had a stroke but is doing well. The Trust wished him well and would extend an invitation to him to attend the Community Meal and AGM where the Trust's thanks could be recorded publicly before his forthcoming trip. <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Simmister reported that the EV Charge points were now working and well used – at least 300 times since Christmas. She also reported that the charging stations offer 1 fast and 1 slow charge connection on each. Offering a charge point may be an opportunity for Portree Community Centre. 	
8	DONM	Following the AGM on 6 February, the next Trust Meeting will be held on 19 March 2024 at 7pm. Venue to be advised.	FT to book room.
9	Close	Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.	