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

**TRUSTEE’S BOARD MEETING**

7PM Wed 17th January 2018

Jans, Industrial Estate, Portree

**Attendance:** Calum Matheson (CM), Donnie Nicolson (DN) Chair, Dorothy Ann Urquhart (DAU), Bill Edgar (BE), Myra MacLeod (MM) Sec, Ross Cowie (RC)

**Also Present:** Faye MacLeod (FM), Irene Deplano (ID), Janice McGuire (JM), Graham Smith (GS), Thomas Wilson (TW), Alexander MacDonald (AM)

**Apologies:** Duncan Brown, Chris James

**Minutes:** Approved RC. Seconded TW.

**Treasurer:**  Full accounts and financial position discussed.

Project Officer: Paperwork from HIE,[ ]

**FEI:** Now at consultation phase. They will be in Portree on Monday 5th February for a public consultation. It is hoped to hold this in the Community Centre from 2 till 7pm. The 5 areas of ground will be addressed individually. Ian Lewis has carried out land valuations; they are similar to those received from FEI, only difference was in price given to KGV. FEI had included commercial value when it had mistakenly included site of old swimming pool, otherwise prices quoted are on a par. Member spoke of difficulty in obtaining accurate plan of grazing ground at Shulishader.

Question whether this may be appropriate time for wider public consultation, incorporating harbour and other Trust projects. Suggestion that we also invite neighbouring Trusts. All in agreement.

**Harbour:** A successful and well represented Harbour Stakeholders meeting was held in December.. Following on from this [ ] Certas representative is going to be in Portree in April and willing to meet with Trust members.

[ ]

DN has also made contact with Amanda Bryan, Crown Estates to arrange meeting.

**Activity Group:** Reported they have met with Michael O Donnell re LEADER funding and they seem happy with application so far. Group are still trying to raise £3k match funding which they would like to have in place for end of Feb which would tie in with LEADER funding stage.

They are still looking at getting insurance cover.

**Bayfield:** £3.5k has been received from Rabbies, that was for specified part of Bayfield project.

Trustee has spoken to Hector Sconser about building designated fire pits, also a wishing well at entrance to Bayfield car park. Don’t want to put in structures that can’t be moved.

**Health Services:** PBCT continue to support NHS SOS in efforts to retain medical services in North Skye/Raasay.

First Responder Request: Robbaidh Halliday had contacted Trust looking for advice on setting up local group. Trustee to reply to Robbaidh and forward contact details to SAS representative..

**AOCB:-**

**Skye Connect Meeting:**

Member attending declared an interest [ ].

40-50 present. Highland Council reps spoke than all community groups present were given a 3 minute slot.

This may tie in with Government Task Force, being set up to liaise with all Trusts.

Their purpose is not to bring in more tourists but to try and address some of the existing problems.

[ ] main issue raised was lack of toilets. Spoke of Elgol business owner and her solution to part of problem may be composting toilets, which may work in rural areas. GS Forestry Commission use these toilets.

Discussion on toilet facilities

[ ] concerned over amount of planning applications being passed through planning dept. without facilities being provided to cope with extra tourism created. [ ] cannot see how HC can help when they have to cut services. [ ] need to lobby parliamentary representatives and meet ward manager.

Mark Crowe who had attended meeting has contacted Trust and is interested in developing cycle trails etc. [ ] to meet up with him to discuss further

**Parking Appraisal:**  [ ] we are awaiting report from Highland Council

**Fundraisers:**  - Sat 27th Jan, Burns Night Tongadale

* Sat 3rd March, curry & quiz night Braes Hall

**Braes Mast:** [ ] asked if income was available to community through telecoms mast at Penifiler