**Portree and Braes Community Trust (SCIO)**

**Minutes of Trustee’s Board Meeting**

Wed 12th June 2019 7pm @ Jans

Present: Janice MacHugh (JM), Roddy MacHugh (RM), Irene Deplano (ID), Ross Cowie (RC), Neil Campbell (NC), Shona Cameron (SC), Ann-marie Campbell (AC), Duncan Brown (DB), Donnie Nicolson (DN), Fiona Thomson (FT), Margaret MacDonald (MM) Chris James (CJ)

Apologies: Bill Edgar, Dorothy Urquhart, Graham Smith, Janice Mcguire, Calum Matheson

1. Minutes Approved: DB Seconded: RC
2. Treasurer’s Report:

DB delivered treasurers report. FT to send record of most recent minutes and petty cash receipts to DB for accounts. Only £1305 left in trust account. We need to maximise donations at Skye Show this year. Gazeebo has arrived.

1. FEI:

FT fed back on progress. A request has been made to FEI for a report from the district valuer before the Scottish Land Fund will accept the price that both parties have negotiated. Awaiting response.

1. Harbour:

FT fed back on harbour progress. DN and FT met with Cooking Sections artists, Daniel Fernandez and Alon Schwabe who have been collaborating with ATLAS ARTS to deliver Climavore, a project exploring how to eat as humans change climates. As an extension to the programme the artists have created a proposal for the development of the icehouse as a mixed exhibition and food lab space which will promote sustainable foods and share the buildings heritage. SC explained that the Climavore project is high profile and an element of it is being brought to the Tate Gallery in London. The artists have secured 1/3rd of the 2 million pounds that is required to deliver their plan. The harbour group are in support of the project and the artists are keen to collaborate and consult with the community where possible going forward. SC have visualisations of the icehouse which she’d be happy to share.

1. Bayfield:

DB fed back on Bayfield. Trust were successful in securing £300k from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund. FT - next steps to secure ownership of the tennis and squash courts and carry out a community consultation in partnership with the Highland Council regarding the introduction of parking charges. Date to be confirmed. It’s projected that this project will bring in a rent in the region of £20k – £30k per annum. RM inquired as to how the project would be affected if the highland council don’t bring in the charges. Is the project at risk? DB – charges are being implemented in the same way across highland, so this is unlikely although it is taking longer than they had suggested – charges were originally to be implemented by April 2019. An update will be requested. RC – what will the Tennis and squash club do with the income from a sale. DB – is would be recommended that they form a subgroup of the PBCT to support them to reinvest in a new facility and that PBCT can hold the fund until this time if they would like them to. The sale would raise £90k.

1. FT – Bayfield clean-up day went well. Approx. 12 people turned up. RC - we should set a date for another. All agreed to arrange another clean up before Highland Games. Saturday 20th of July was set as date for next event. To meet sometime after noon.
2. Outdoor Activity Group:

FT – the OAG has been developing ideas for the land next to Tigh na Dorchaid at Bayfield. The group are looking into the suitability of an interactive woodland story trail. FT showed some example images.

CJ – it has been agreed that the Housing Association can use half of the red pitch for the duration of the adjacent housing development (approx. 13 months).

1. Health Services and First Responders:

Sir Lewis Ritchie returned after 1 year to review progress. The hospital is now open 24/7 and there are 9 new advanced nurse practitioners are being recruited. 6 new beds are arriving shortly. This will result in 12 beds once again being available for the community. RC read a letter from Jeaane Freeman, MSP and Health Secretary for Scotland thanking him and community representatives for their key role in the improvement of services. Sophie has done a good job here and has sent an update to funders on her progress. This is available should anyone wish to read it they can request a copy. NC – the uptake on first responder’s information meetings was almost non-existent. PBCT promoted as best they could. It is hoped the first responder team will attend the agricultural show.

10.Paths and Signs:

RC – would like to use it as a fundraising activity. FT is developing a proposal demonstrating what the group has achieved and what they want to achieve before promoting the walk.

1. Events:

£2k has been raised to date. Campaign going well. Community activities are being planned to support fundraising.

1. Fundraising:

Donations of baking are required for the Skye show on 3rd August please. NC has a note of the next committee meeting date for the Skye show. Do we want to feed in to plans? This can be revisited when we have progressed with lease / purchase.

Well done to all who provided hospitality for the Skye Fiddle Club event. £50 was made. Disappointing but the club have offered to donate a small fee for the trust’s efforts.

1. Cycling Uk:

No progress.

1. Toilets:

New cleaners employed. Mother and Daughter who live locally. Limited English so a contact of Fiona’s is helping with communications. FT – should we revisit a pay per use mechanism. DB- these costs in the region of 2k-3k. [ ] built a bespoke lock at Carbost. FT to follow up.

1. Skye Half Marathon:

FT – thanks to all who marshalled. PBCT had 8 volunteers. £320 was donation by Skye Events.

1. OACB:

DB – we need an AGM. Date set for 18th September. FT to arrange.

1. DONM:

Wednesday 17th July 2019 7pm at Jans. Wednesday 14th August 7pm at Jans.