

PBCT Development Officer Report

20th April 2022

Bayfield

Trustee lead: Graham Smith

Group members: Duncan Brown, Bill Edgar, Calum Matheson

The group met on 19/4/22 by Zoom.

Faye MacLeod from Campbell ,Stewart, MacLennan and Co was present with a view to gain some insight on the group; how it functions, some background, expenditure and income and plans/developments for the future.

Faye and her colleagues are looking to design a 5-year strategic plan for the Trust as it grows and develops.

The following issues were discussed:

Pay system & Cage for waste unit

The cage for the waste disposal unit has now arrived, it was agreed that group members will assemble this on 25/4/22. The cage will then be transported and fitted on site. The payment device will then be fitted and finally the council will be contacted to connect power.

Hopefully the unit will be generating income in the near future.

Waste water treatment building

We hope to contact Scottish Water soon to see if they would consider offering the old maceration plant building for sale to Trust. If we get a positive response, we will then apply to the Scottish Land fund for funds to carry out a valuation and feasibility study.

Stage 3 of Carpark

The group agreed that we should contact both Councillors and HC staff to initiate meetings with the view to progressing Stage 3 of the Bayfield Car Park Development. New councillors due to be elected in early May, we would be looking to set up a meeting of key stakeholders in June.

Woodland Activities

Bill continues to link with Tigh na Drochaid and has met with the Neil Ingalls – the new TnD manager. He is now part of a team of 8 volunteers, who have a rota in which each volunteer will keep an eye on the garden in weekly rotation. Bill reports that the woodland area appears in good order, with little vandalism or littering.

Skye Live

With the upcoming Skye Live event to be held at the Lump, there was concern that the grassy areas of Bayfield might see a rise in unofficial camping, littering or outdoor toileting. Graham to write to Council to see if any additional measures are in place.

Skate Ramps

Trustee lead: Chris James

Chris has sent an email to Sian at CSM explaining the background to the skate ramps project. Chris explained about the £7500 Awards for All money transferring to the new OAG to go towards the Matheson Place playpark and that it was agreed that the remaining Coop money will go to unrestricted funds with the request that it pay for the 22/23 year insurance and match funding (£3500) for the Camanachd Square report.

Chris continues to undertake weekly visual inspections of the ramps for insurance purposes and anticipates that PBCT would need to encourage formation of a group next year to explore potential for a permanent skate ramp facility depending on the outcome of the Camanachd Square report. Chris would expect this group to take on responsibility for the mobile ramps from 2023 onwards (if we are able to form such a group!).

Matheson Place Playpark

PBCT Project lead: Tiffany Maberley

Group members: Sarah Nicolson, Fiona Stoddart

The group are currently focusing on fundraising. Approx. £10k has been raised to date.

Total required approx. £100k. Group are in the process of submitting applications to:

Anton Jurgen Foundation - £50k

Silverhill Trust – approx £40k

Toy Trust – approx £10k

The group anticipate being able to apply for Coastal Communities Funding when the fund reopens. Funding is the main challenge just now.

Letter being written to local businesses to request support for project – put out a money tin, make a donation, donate a raffle prize etc.

Fundraising taking place at Half Marathon event – marshalls and promo stall.

Discussions with HC going well. Initial community consultation complete. Agreement in principle for the HC to project manage the install of the park. In depth research and discussion has taken place re: prep work required, required elements for the park, i.e equipment, fencing, seating and costings of above.

Arrangements still to be finalised re: leasing of land. This will require input from PBCT solicitor. This will take place in due course.

Tiffany has agreed to become a trustee of PBCT to represent the group at trust meetings.

Trust Health Services Subgroup

Trustee lead: Ross Cowie

Group members: Myra Urquhart, Neil Campbell, Donna Jack (Portree Hospital, Nurse) Bill Edgar, Richard Hiles (Scottish Ambulance Service)

Project officer: Sophie Issacson, Admin Support: Iona MacDonald

Sophie has been working on the following since the last meeting:

- Beginning to pull together Sir Lewis Ritchie report for his visit in May
- Established Community Forum and held first meeting - <https://www.healthandwellnessskye.com/health-care-forum>
- Feature and Empower Video Project with Hugh Campbell - aims to promote opportunities working in health and social care on Skye through video campaign.

The main challenges the group is facing this month are:

- Portree Hospital – Staffing challenges, No wriggle room with staff, shortages.
- Access to Urgent care has been a challenge – again staff shortages
- Budhmor closure (although this has happened since the last meeting so has not been formally discussed yet)
- We will be putting together our next Newsletter in April / May
- Sir Lewis Ritchie is visiting in May and we'll be pulling together a report – using a feedback survey which will be sent out to the public

The main successes / good news stories this month are:

- The Community Health and Care Forum launch went well.
- The videos are looking fantastic, and the group will be sitting down next week to write up a comms campaign for promoting them as well as filming the next three videos.

Key dates :

Next Trust Health sub group meeting – Thursday 21st April

Next Community Vision workshop (data)– 29th April

Skye Community Response

Trustee Lead: Ross Cowie

Group members (to various degrees of involvement) Iona MacDonald, Fiona Thomson, Jack MacFarlane, Sophie Issacson, Hugh Campbell, Thomas Wilson, Neil Hope – ward members also attend meetings.

Group to meet on Friday (22nd April) to discuss alternatives to asking HC to administer the remaining funds. One suggestion put forward by the health services group is to ringfence the funds for future emergencies to support a local community resilience volunteer service. Details to be discussed.

SCR have since the last meeting supplied NHS with the following equipment to support the delivery of vaccinations clinics across Skye and Rassay specifically: 80 x chairs, 8 x privacy screens, 12 x tables, 2x campbeds. Fiona has worked with Duncan to place orders for equipment and Jack is arranging transport and delivery.

Portree Community Allotments

Trustee lead: Irene Deplano

Group members: Harriet Forrest, Catherine Myles, Jenny Hey, Lesley Hellon, Carel Goodheir, Agnieszka Rudak, Willie Beedie, Liz Fowler,

Since the last meeting:

Ploughing, discing, harrowing and fencing of the allotments has been completed.

A car parking area has been levelled and hard core laid. A path has been constructed with voluntary labour and will be completed by the Community Pay Back scheme.

Willie Beadie has laid the foundations for a shed which is being built by Joe's Sheds Edinbane.

Allotments were marked out and allocated.

A notice board was erected.

Catherine Myles has undertaken to make a starter pack for each allotment holder.

Project officer job role has been finalised.

Expenses incurred recently:

£600 expected cost for Ploughing etc (upcoming)

£800 Car park material

£650 path material (stone and sarking boards)

£1700 Shed (upcoming)

£1300 Labour for groundwork so far (drains to be dug deeper)

£248 estimate from Wilsons for water pipe (upcoming)

Funding secured for all expenses via Organic Sea harvest, Pebble Trust, Ward Discretionary budget and local businesses

Two new committee members were elected: Carel Goodhier and Catherine Myles

The main upcoming challenges are:

1. Finding the right person to fill the post of Project Officer
2. Finalise the transfer of land to PBCT
3. Planning for sheds and polytunnel
4. Complete drainage
5. Connect to mains water.

The main successes recently have been:

Fundraising and work carried out on the ground.

Portree Harbour

Trustee lead: Calum Matheson

Group members: Alexander MacDonald, Alistair Danter, Mairi Evans, Peter Urquhart, Faye Macleod

Some significant news from a levelling up fund meeting with THC on Tuesday 19th April. The HC have proposed to include the Portree harbour project in a £50 million bid instead of the previously proposed £20m bid. The revised application will include a £40 million ask for Portree harbour matched with a £10 million ask for a project at Ben Nevis visitor centre. This new proposal would now include the access road, the breakwater and possibly the pontoons, as well as the elements proposed in the original phase 1 which were relocation of certain tanks and investment in existing pier. This is much closer to the desired full scheme and considerably strengthens the economic case for the bid and thus Portree's chances of success. It is still of course going to be a competitive fund. All attendees were unanimously in support of this proposal but it requires the approval from members next month also.

Date for submissions of the bid is early July and the HC team are going to continue to tweak and strengthen the application between now and then with input from consultees at monthly meetings.

Portree Community Centre

Trustee lead: Peter Urquhart

Group members: Duncan Brown, Hugh MacDonald, Janice MacHugh, Annmarie Campbell, Lorna Cormack, Scottie Martin.

Renovations in small hall will be complete by next month (May).

NHS highland are using the main hall for vaccinations in May supported by SCR.

Fire risk assessment has been completed for building.

Plans underway for renovations to main hall – approx. £40k has been secured for this work.

Negotiations underway with SEALL re: lease for new office space.

Main challenges have been availability of tradesman to carry out work.

Main achievements have been progress with renovations and fundraising.

Group regularly receiving requests to use the hall now there has been some publicity about improvements but unable to confirm bookings quite yet.

Camanachd Square

Peter, Duncan and Calum have been attending meetings alongside Fiona and the consultants. Chris has also been involved with providing feedback to the consultants.

Initial options have been issued to PBCT board and PCCA board for review. Working group pleased with quality of proposal. Main comments that came back were concerns over location of skate park, reduction in parking and change of use of the old toilet / changing rooms and if this would secure approval from Fields in Trust. Group working with consultants to finalise arrangements to show wider community proposals. This should take place in a matter of weeks.

FT has commissioned the mapping of KGV and rest of Camanachd Square. £1600 was quoted. Donald MacSween from Breakish is carrying out the work.

Events

Trustee lead: Lorna Cormack

Group members: Annmarie Campbell, Ann Brandie, Fay Thomson, Myra Urquhart, Janice MacDonald, Thomas Wilson – and others.

Proposed events calendar for 2022:

3rd June – Queens Jubilee Celebration “picnic in the park” @ KGV

August 6th – Show Dance @ Gathering Hall 8pm – Midnight

September 24th – Autumn Fling at KGV

November – Reindeer Parade and xmas lights display

December – New Year in the Square

Bank balance healthy.

Toilets

2 -3 cleaners have been secured to undertake 1 clean per day for 7 days per week. One individual already works at the Tongadale on the housekeeping team, the other is a mother / daughter team looking for flexible work.

Payment system not working reliably so toilets have had to stay closed for the time being. Fiona meeting Malcolm on Friday to review and find a solution.

Otherwise, the facility is ready to open, a deep clean has taken place and new signage has been put up.

Approx. average income / expenditure for the toilets below. At a similar income rate for 2022 they are still not covering costs. However, with a more reliable entry system we may see an increase in income for 2022.

Income

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Comfort scheme	200
Income (high season)	200
Total income	400

Expenditure

<u>Item</u>	<u>cost</u>
Monthly cleaning staff 1	200
Monthly cleaning staff 2	150

Monthly supplies	100
processing fee	10
% of card sales	4
Total expenditure	460

Balance	-60
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Helipad

Trustee lead: Neil Campbell

No update since last meeting. Ticking along.

Speak up for Gaelic

Trustee Lead: Neil Campbell

Group members: Fay Thomson, Josie Macleod, Lorna Cormack

Project officer: Iona MacDonald

Conversation sessions continuing to run twice weekly at the Pier hotel (quiz or ceilidh) and at Aros (now Skye Candles). Attendance still good. 20-25 @ pier 8-14 @ Aros per session.

Main challenge is finding time to develop the project further in line with original aims, e.g approach more businesses / organisations to expand programme but still at relatively early stages of project.

Advertising

Advertisers confirmed for 2022.23 season: Skye Skyns, Isle of Skye Distillers, Isle of Skye Seafari, Prince of India, West Highland College, Real Scottish Journeys. Between £1000 - £750 per year for a full side.

2 sides left. They are the ones facing lane furthest away from road unsurprisingly. Discount rate offered of £750 or £65 per month. Two inquiries so far but too expensive for one and another felt it was not a desirable enough location. Will keep promoting this week.

All advertisers have agreed to pay by 1st May. Some will pay monthly, others a single payment.

AOCB

- Graham and Peter have been asked to attend a meeting about the Skye Games this evening so may not be able to attend the PBCT meeting – or all of it – but will be able to report back on details at next meeting.
- Fiona has booked a stall at the Skye Show for August 6th. Who would like to attend?