

Minutes of Meeting of the trustees of Portree and Braes Community Trust, held at Jans, Portree on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7pm (also via Zoom).

Present: Calum Matheson, Fiona Thomson, Lorna Cormack, Iona MacDonald (Minutes), Chris James, Neil Campbell, Ross Cowie, Graham Smith, Irene Deplane, Bill Edgar, Annmarie Campbell, Tiffany Maberley (via Zoom),

Apologies: Duncan Brown, John Boyd.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes on the previous meeting were approved. **Proposed:** Lorna Cormack. **Seconded:** Bill Edgar.

The notes circulated prior to the meeting form part of these minutes.

Check-in

Waste Disposal – Bayfield: The cage had been installed and electrics were connected. Awaiting installation of payment unit. The macerating plant will be income-generating.

Allotments: 28 plots now full. 2 to be kept for polytunnel. Ditches dug. Interviews for Project Officer next week. Growth in 3 weeks has been remarkable.

Playpark: Funding raised has reached £23,000. £10,000 was received today from Organic Sea Harvest. Several generous donations from the community. Also £1,500 worth of prizes donated for raffle. Other fundraising efforts ongoing, e.g. curry night at MacNab's Inn tonight.

Events – Jubilee Jamboree: Volunteers sought to organise inflatables, etc. Group are providing marshals to half-marathon for a confirmed donation of £850.

Volunteers/Employees/Trustees

Cleaners – a mother and daughter team has been recruited for the toilets, 7 days a week. There may be need for holiday relief, which Fiona will investigate. THC Comfort Scheme pays £200/month towards the £450 cost. A new payment system has been fitted on doors, which is more reliable than the original system. Advertising space is available on the side of the facility. The income is applied to toilet running costs first, and any excess benefits the trust as a whole.

Trustees – Tiffany Maberley has agreed to join the board of Trustees.

To Do List

Macerating plant – payment system to be fitted. Income-generating for the trust.

Jubilee Jamboree – taking place on Jubilee weekend (Lorna Cormack)

Bayfield Car Park project – income generating.

Harbour Project – drawing back and leaving with THC. PBCT does not have resources to project manage this, and there would be no financial benefit to the Trust. The Trust will remain engaged with the project and attend monthly meetings.

Fiona had produced a to-do list for the meeting. It was agreed that this was useful.

Issue List – IDS (identify, Discuss, Solve)

Jubilee Events (LC)

These would be taking place on 3 and 4 June. Ceilidh in the Square from 6.30pm on Friday 3 June, and Jubilee Jamboree from 2pm on Saturday 4 June. **Volunteers required for clean-up operations.** An occasional licence was in place for a designated bar area.

Half-Marathon (GS)

The Trust would be providing volunteer marshals for the half-marathon, in exchange for a donation of £850 towards the playparks.

Highland Games

This would be held on August 3, 2022. Volunteers would be assisting with the gate/admissions, which would bring a donation of around £1000 to the Trust. **Peter and Graham will progress.**

Food Share

An email had been received from the Food Bank requesting the Trust's involvement again. How do Trustees feel about this? The Food Share was run during Covid from the Community Centre, when it was largely out of use. Now, the small hall is about to come on stream. There were a large number of volunteers involved in the Food Share, and managed by Drew Millar and Sharon Fenlon. Could a container be used, located outside the Community Centre? This would need an electrical supply for light and refrigeration. Could the Trust apply to the Ward Discretionary Fund for funding to purchase a container? Should it be a council responsibility, in conjunction with the Food Bank?

ACTION: A meeting to be arranged between Betty (Food Bank), Ross and Neil.

Any other issues?

Sophie Isaacson's **community health survey** had received over 200 responses – a good return.

Neil Campbell – **Ritchie Options Appraisal** coming to an end. With Urgent Care provision and Budhmòr, situation was becoming political. Sir Lewis Ritchie's next meeting would be on 31 May in Portree, and would provide a chance to report back to the Scottish Government.

Bill Edgar was keen to restart the **Tidy-Up groups**, with the Square area looking untidy. There had been no applications for the post of **village officer** (community council post), and any possible solution suggestions were welcome. **Irene Deplano would contact Paddy McGuire** to check if he might be interested. The £3000 which the community council had to offer would be matched by Ross Cowie if a suitable solution could be found.

Wrap up

Reporting Method

Neil Campbell admitted that he was not a fan of the new system but agreed that the Trust should persevere. He was concerned that some items may be covered too quickly. Calum Matheson assured Neil that if extra time was required to discuss an item then that time would be found. Chris James commented that he felt it was a good system.

Thanks

Bill Edgar passed on thanks from Skye Live for the use of the Bayfield picnic tables during the festival. He mentioned that they may be in need of a coat of preservative/stain.

Camping – there had been 23 tents. John Mackenzie had looked after the site. There had been no response from Highland Council.

ACTION: A contribution from THC would be welcome – Ross Cowie to contact.

Thanks were recorded to Tiff Maberley (Playparks) and Irene Deplano (Allotments) for an amazing job this month.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 7pm in Jans.