

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Portree and Braes Community Trust held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm, at Jans and via Zoom. (Including Strategy Focus)**

**Present:** Duncan Brown, Bill Edgar, Neil Campbell, Irene Deplano, Lorna Cormack, Graham Smith, Chris James (zoom), Fiona Thomson

Faye Macleod and Sian attended on behalf of CSMco.

Iona MacDonald attended to take the minutes

**Apologies:** Peter Urquhart, Annmarie Campbell, Ross Cowie, Calum Matheson, John Boyd

**Minutes of last meeting** were approved, proposed by Lorna Cormack and seconded by Bill Edgar.

**Treasurer's Report** - Duncan updated the board on the total balance for each accounting group. Duncan suggested that going forward a treasurer's report summary could be included in the report issued to the board in advance by Fiona. (see Strategic Review below).

**Pier Toilets** – to open again this season.

**Resignation** – Shona Cameron had regretfully resigned from the PBCT for family reasons. The Trust wished her all the best and recorded thanks for her time on the Board.

### **Strategic Review**

Faye MacLeod gave a presentation on her recommendations for a Strategic Review of the direction of the Trust for the years 2022 -2027. This included encouragement of long-term economic growth, improved quality of life in the area, a 5-year business plan and a support structure. This would be beneficial to interactions with HIE and other agencies. This would be a contribution to the Trust in kind from CSMCo. (Outline paper circulated prior to meeting).

A number of changes were suggested to existing systems such as circulating an update report on topics/projects in advance of meetings rather than to report at the meeting, taking up a great deal of time which could be more effectively used. This time could be used for action points and development, with a short "good news" section at the opening of the meeting. Agenda for meetings needed to be shorter. Capped discussion times for topics may also be a useful tool

It was acknowledged that Fiona Thomson had achieved a great deal in her 3 years with the Trust but it would not be possible for her to do everything and the Trust may be under-resourced. This review would be useful in making that case to agencies.

CSMCo would speak to Fiona and individual project leaders over the next few weeks to build up a picture.

The feeling of the meeting was that this process could be highly beneficial to the Trust and the review plan was welcomed.

**Bayfield** – it was agreed to leave this topic until the next meeting as it was quite involved. An update was provided in the pre-meeting report.

**Community Centre and Camanachd Square**– Updates provided – Funding had been approved for structural repairs. **ACTION: Make info public. Update FB page. Publicise**

**that the CC is not currently taking bookings.** Any information to Peter Urquhart. Trust to take legal advice on the Community Centre group becoming part of the Trust. PCCA would still exist as owners of the building. Discuss dissolution and transfer of assets to an organisation such as PBCT. CC is currently on leasehold ground with 2 different owners. Faye recommended that matters such as this should be allocated a strategic priority – can't all be first priority – and could be scheduled for, e.g. Quarter 12 in the future.... Discuss as part of Camanachd Square Masterplan. Timeline, Financial Plan, Strategic Plan. Highland Council have given permission for Trust to be responsible for management of funds towards refurbishments.

**Harbour** – see update in pre-meeting notes

**Allotments** – progressing. Aggregate and fencing being delivered.

**Matheson Place Play Park** – update in pre-meeting notes – being led by Tiffany Maberley and Fiona Stoddart. Highland Council offering to project manage the playpark once funds are raised, in co-operation with the Trust. HC will not be responsible for maintenance. This would be the responsibility of the Trust. Insurance to consider. Full proposal to be shared with the Trust. **AGREED that a volunteer should be co-opted to the Trust. Likely to be a £100K project, according to quotes. Duncan would approach Aros to ask for their soft play equipment which would now be surplus to requirements due to new ownership.**

**Events** – see update in pre-meeting notes

**Speak up for Gaelic** – progressing well, with two events each week. Iona MacDonald appointed as co-ordinator.

**Skye Community Response** – update in pre-meeting report – decision to be taken at next SCR meeting (25 March) on management of remaining funds (£44k). Highland Council local ward have offered to manage remaining funds under ward discretionary funds. This could involve committee members from SCR. The CAS have no capacity to take this on. Another option would be to use the remaining funds towards health projects under the Trust's management. Need to demonstrate that funds are being distributed in line with PBCT aims and the reasons for which the money was given. **ACTION: If the money stays with the trust, can discuss from there. Fiona will update Health Services group.**

**Half Marathon** – Playpark group asked to marshall on June 11<sup>th</sup>. **ACTION: Graeme to approach the Half Marathon group and speak to Tiff to progress**

**Ad Boards** – No progress this week.

Trust AGM – This would be held on 23rd March, 7 – 8pm at Skye Camanachd Shinty Club. Sound out possible new trustees in advance. Invite to put themselves forward. Maximum number of trustees is 20, 5 can be co-opted. Present number is approx 15. **ACTION: Fiona to advertise**

### **AOCB**

Co-Wheels – See update. Electric car hire, booked through an app, with NHS Highland input – can be used to travel to clinics, etc, in Inverness, where cost is borne by NHS. LHSa will support but can't administer. Could cover cleaning. HIE may be able to fund £10,000 setup costs. Breakdowns covered by AA. This facility is available in Sleat. Could be cost-neutral. **ACTION: Neil and Duncan to meet with Sleat Community Trust/Co-Wheels to discuss.**

**Priorities**

Electricity supply to Bayfield for campervan waste disposal. ACTION: Fiona

**Date of Next Meeting** - TBA