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

**TRUSTEE’S BOARD MEETING**

7pm Wed 14th March 2018

Jans, Industrial Estate, Portree

**Attendance:** Calum Matheson (CM), Donnie Nicolson (DN), Duncan Brown (DB), Bill Edgar (BE), Ross Cowie (RC), Dot Urquhart (DU), Janice McGuire (JM), Irene Deplano (ID), Chris James (CJ), Myra MacLeod (MM)

**Apologies:** Neil Campbell, Ronald MacDonald, Graham Smith, Thomas Wilson

**Welcome:** DN welcomed all to the meeting.

**Minutes:** Approved by RC, Seconded by CM

**Treasurer’s Report:** Report on current situation, but no update.

**Outdoor Activity Group:** CJ reports having got LEADER funding approved pending 3 points being addressed. Firstly having a Child Protection Policy in Place, he has drawn up a draft policy based on Highland Council ‘Child Protection for Community Groups in Highland 2017’. This was discussed and Trustees, Chair asked for vote and all present unanimously agreed to adopt this document.

Second and Third points raised were a need for Security and Maintenance plans. These are being implemented with advice from NFU. At present unsupervised insurance cover is £2k per annum. In future it is expected that those using the facility will fundraise to cover insurance costs. CJ will carry out and keep inspection log on installed equipment. A fall back clause would be that equipment would be leased to High Life Highland who would cover insurance costs but have control over equipment.

There was unanimous agreement to meet the under £400 shortfall in OAG fundraising from existing Trust funds.

**Project Officer:**  An advert for Project Worker will appear in WHFP 15.03.18. Through papers link with HIJOBS 2 applications have already been received. Application deadline is 31st March.

CJ asked if ad to be advertised on fb/website. DN is attending to same.

**FEI:** Consultation is ongoing. D MacPherson due in Portree within next couple of weeks to continue dialogue with crofters. Consultants are to be back here 26th or 28th March to provide update.

**Bayfield:**  CM and DU met with Highland Council/LSHA re survey they have had carried out by independent group at cost of £7k. This was to look at parking situation in Portree and address problems. Result of this money spend was that Portree is busy, especially with camper vans and busses. No solution to parking issue raised, they are still talking of a multi storey in Bayfield. CM/DU had raised the ideal location for a multi storey being where old bus garage was. Housing association gave a No to such proposal; ground is not as contaminated as previously thought.

DB said offer of premises at Home Farm site, for disposal of waste water etc. (camper van) appears to have been withdrawn by Scottish Water, he is to arrange meeting with them to clarify situation. Waste water could not be disposed of at Bayfield as it would affect chemicals in macerating plant.

DU spoke of option of having a designated area for local workers, where for a paid fee they would be given a designated parking area. This had been well received but would need to be looked at along with wider parking situation.

DB to meet with CJ and Mark Crowe and discuss possible use of area behind Resource Centre

**Harbour:**  DN said meetings with Amanda Bryan (Crown Estates) and Certas taking place over next few weeks.

CM (conference call) with Alexander MacDonald had a meeting with a group of international harbour developers. They have offered to come to Portree and give input, free of charge. They had looked at previous breakwater plan drawn up by Wallace Stone, with £29 million estimate and they put cost of plans provided at 3x that cost.

CM had attended HC meeting last week where there had been pressure to remove plans for road round Lump off village plans. This was rejected by councillors.

DU mentioned required repairs to slipway. CM to raise this with local councillors.

**Toilets:** Pier toilets are now open. Cleaning is being carried out by one of Jans employees, their cost is about half of what Highland Council quoted as cost of cleaning toilets. Amount will be raised by advertising space on facility. RC agreed to oversee advertising sales.

DN has carried out repairs and to arrange collection of sanitary bins. DU to source soap dispensers.

JM had raised matter of composting toilets. BE to look into matter.

**Wild Camping:** BE had suggested that the area in Bayfield be offered to organisers of Skye Music Festival as camping space. General discussion and decision deferred till future meeting.

**Beach Clean:** DB proposed a beach clean which all present were in agreement with. Date will be 21st April. Highland Council will provide a skip.

Beaumont Crescent and Bayfield will be targeted.

If sufficient response Scorry can also be cleaned up probably for another day Braes beaches can be cleaned up.

BE will speak with High School staff re this. He has had dealings with pupil carrying out Duke of Edinburgh award involved with Donald Kennedy (HC) who has obtained funding for improvements to start of Ben Tianavaig path. CM to speak with primary school staff. DB to arrange protective clothing.

CM suggested contacting sailing Club for assistance.

**Fundraising:** ID/JM/BE organised a very successful curry quiz night at Braes Hall, unfortunate that it clashed with another charity fundraiser in Portree.

Advantages of gift aid forms demonstrated by Burns night event where £1800 raised had £500 added by tax rebate.

All present agreed to another Coop Bag Pack. DB to speak with store management

CM to find out when to make application for Coop Community Fund

RC sponsored walk taking place this September, date to be confirmed. This is to highlight Trust Boundaries Storr to Peinchorran.

OAG are having a kids fun day on Saturday 24th March, a Tonga Conga march led by pipe band to Lump for an Easter egg hunt followed by games in the Tongadale Hotel.

**AOCB:**

Website –DN is happy to update website if information is passed to him.

CJ to provide OAG update, DB re Bayfield, MM re toilets

Bayfield Steps – RC has arranged meeting with Donald Kennedy to discuss remedial work at top of Bayfield steps.

Matter of Trustees who are Trustees in name only and do not attend meetings to be formalised at next meeting.

The Chair paid tribute to the late Tommy MacKenzie who was appreciated for his work and as a supporter of the Trust.

**DONM:**  10am Wednesday 11th April 2018

**ACTION POINTS:**

**DB Coop enquiry re bag pack date/website update Bayfield/protective clothing/skip/sailing club beach clean/resource centre ground Mark Crowe& CJ**

**CJ website update OAG**

**MM website update toilets**

**RC Bayfield steps repairs/finalise date for ‘Ross Bog Slog’/advertising space on toilet walls**

**CM application dates for Coop Community Fund/primary school re beach clean/ slipway repairs to councillors**

**DN update website with gift aid form & project officer job descript/sanitary bins/Certas/Amanda Bryan**

**BE contact High School re beach clean/info on composting toilets**

**DU soap dispensers**