

Portree and Braes Community Trust

Meeting of The Portree and Braes Community Trust Board – 18 June 2024, 7pm at Jans Board Room

	Item	Minutes	Action Points
1	Welcome, Introductions Apologies	Present: Trustees: Calum Matheson (Chair), Peter Urquhart, Lorna Cormack (Secretary), Graham Smith, Ross Cowie, Pam Simmister. Staff: Fiona Thomson, Development Officer; Iona MacDonald, Finance Officer. Apologies: Trustees: Neil Campbell, Tiffany Maberley, Duncan Brown (Treasurer), Annmarie Campbell, Irene Deplano, John Boyd, Calum welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Adoption of Minutes	Approved: Lorna Cormack Seconded: Peter Urquhart	
3	[Agenda Items]		
4	Check in / good news stories / updates etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skye Week 2024 – Community was engaged. Good event for locals. Not a huge financial success but “washed its face”. Co-op funding spent. Congratulations due to Lorna Cormack for her tremendous achievement in getting Skye Week back in the calendar with so many events organised by LUP and drawing together events from all over the island. • KGV Field – funding has now passed its target due to Sponsor a Square, NFU, Portree FC U-15s sponsored cycle and other donations. The fundraising campaign will continue, primarily to cover any unexpected legal and transfer costs, and any excess will be used to provide a repair and maintenance fund. • Lottery – Heckie Cormack and Calum MacCrimmon will be ready to start work on this shortly, once college work is out of the way. • Winter Events – 25 November 2024 is Lights Weekend. LUP has plans underway for events at Hogmanay and in early January 2025. Hogmanay may have a family ceilidh in the hall, heading to Somerled Square for the bells – final details being worked out. SIA Training is being organised for LUP personnel in November. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skye Community Response – cheque handovers to Broadford and Portree Hospital Friends were planned for Friday 21 June with media coverage from Radio Skye and WHFP. • Transfers of project admin fees and revenue to the Trust have been made. • PCCA – the Community Centre had successfully recruited 2 p/t members of staff as Bookings Co-ordinator and Caretaker, starting 1 June. Permission was sought from the board to use PBCT unrestricted funds to pay June's wages for the two new roles at the Community Centre. FT is in the process of submitting a claim to the regeneration fund on behalf of PBCT to draw down these funds. Once the claim has been processed the funds will be reimbursed to PBCT. The PCCA will be required to contribute a percentage of the total cost of the salaries. AGREED • Query Skye Live & Skye Events – usually a donation is made for the use of benches and hurdles belonging to the Trust but nothing has been received to date. • Path repairs required at Am Meall/The Lump. Peter Urquhart will raise with committee. • Skye Agricultural Show – registered for stand. LUP will run a dance on the evening of 3 August. • Skyelab – as Skyelab is now folding, a request was made for the Trust to take on delivery of part of the project, including the Tech Equipment Library currently stored at Tigh na Drochaid. Campbell Grant would remain as main contact for the project under the Healthcare group. • Ross Cowie, as chair of Skye Community Response recorded thanks to PBCT for their support over the period from March 2020. The project had now completed. 	<p>FT/PCCA</p> <p>PU</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>To Discuss</p>
5	Volunteer / Employee headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New memberships approved unanimously – Ordinary: Fiona Stoddart 	Approved

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two members of staff would be taking maternity leave from November and plans were being put in place for cover. These would be discussed with CM and DB. 	
6	Development Officer Report	<p>FT provided an overview of the Development Officer Report. The treasurer's report has been detailed in the DO report. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application to Island Programme Fund for Helipad (under Critical Infrastructure), c. £20,000 SCR handover and stock distribution from container to complete Camanachd Square plans Lease of ground/carpark for PCC – signed Strategic Plan – final draft with Faye <p>FT's workplan was approved.</p>	
7	Issue List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None not covered elsewhere 	
8	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust was recently contacted by a consultant representing one of the land owners in the Aros Forestry area. The land owner would like the Trust's help to explore opportunities for development and to make contact with other local stakeholders. Some proposed developments may have community benefit which may be an incentive for the Trust to become involved in these conversations. Peter Urquhart is the lead Trust contact and will report back if there are any further developments in discussions. ARMS building at Lisigarry Place – Trust have expressed interest in taking it over. Requires a good deal of work soon. Current lease of 30 years to ARMS from Highland Council. Would have to make money. Toilets – the state of the HC Toilets at the Green was a cause for concern. PBCT to progress their plans to acquire and offer certain facilities at the former Macerator Plant owned by Scottish Water at Bayfield. Request meeting with HC Councillors. 	<p>PU</p> <p>FT/CM</p> <p>FT</p>

9.	DONM	23 July 2024 at 7pm in Jans Board Room	FT to book room.
10.	Close	Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.	