



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**Portree Community  
Centre**  
**10th February 2025**  
**7.30pm**

Meeting Papers

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## CURRENT TRUSTEES:

Calum Matheson, Chair

Peter Urquhart, Vice-chair

Duncan Brown, Treasurer

Lorna Cormack, Secretary

Annmarie Campbell

Neil Campbell

Irene Deplano

John Boyd

Chris MacDonald

Graham Smith

Pamela Simmister

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Portree and Braes Community Trust (SCIO) held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 7.30pm in The Tongadale Hotel.**

## **Present**

Malcolm (Calum) Matheson (Chair of Trustees), Peter Urquhart (Vice-chair), Graham Smith (Trustee), Neil Campbell (Trustee), Duncan Brown (Treasurer), Annmarie Campbell (Trustee), Irene Deplano (Trustee). Members: Chris MacDonald, Roger Liley, Campbell Grant. Associate Members: Ian Renwick. Staff: Iona MacDonald (Development Officer), Alec McLeod (Project Officer), Luke Slater (Finance & Administration Officer).

## **Welcome**

Calum Matheson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Apologies**

Trustees: Tiffany Maberley, John Boyd, Lorna Cormack, Pam Simmister.

## **Approval of Minutes of last AGM (February 24)**

The Minutes were approved, proposed by Graham Smith and seconded by Annmarie Campbell.

## **Chairman's Report**

The past year marked continued growth for the Trust in terms of staff, projects, and income. With a staff of four as of 31 May 2024, the team delivered or progressed numerous initiatives, supported by extensive volunteer effort. We continue to feel the absence of Ross Cowie, whose legacy remains deeply valued.

## **Project Highlights**

Reimagining Camanachd Square & King George V Park

- Masterplan and title investigations completed.
- Old Swimming Pool site transfer underway with Highland Council.
- £11,000 secured from Scottish Land Fund for KGV; balance raised locally.
- Under-15s football team, local businesses, and events like Skye Highland Games played a major fundraising role.
- Title transfer for KGV expected in the coming months.

## **Home Farm Amenity / Allotments**

- Site fully transferred and now operational.
- Key installations: 2 polytunnels, workshop, raised beds, summer house, compost toilet.

- Fully let to allotment holders; active engagement with local schools and community.
- Supported by Highland Council's Community Regeneration Fund.

### **PCCA / Light Up Portree**

- Community Centre hosted major bookings and events featuring local talent.
- Continued use by community groups and services including the Post Office.
- Two new staff hired for bookings and caretaking (employed via PBCT).

### **Bayfield Waste Disposal & Car Park**

- Waste point continues to earn ~£3,000/year with minimal oversight.
- Car park generates rental income and profit share.
- Maceration plant acquisition paused due to poor building survey.

### **Matheson Place Playpark**

- Legal issues resolved; picnic benches installed.

### **Health Services – Work on Skye**

- Partnership with NHS and NES led to launch of "Work on Skye" website and social media channels.
- Successfully launched at NHS recruitment event.
- Tribute paid to Ross Cowie, whose vision inspired this project.

### **Community Lotto**

- Launching this evening; £5 online ticket model.
- Will provide a new unrestricted income stream.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Accounts for the year to 31 May 2024 were presented. The full accounts and report are available on the PBCT website. There are 11 groups operating under the PBCT banner and 4 project officers. The groups are required to be self-supporting, and budgets are ring-fenced. The Trust has 4 projects itself, being Bayfield (Carpark and Woodland), Pier Toilets, King George V Purchase and Trust Operating Costs.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

Chairman – Malcolm (Calum) Matheson was re-elected to this role, proposed by Peter Urquhart and seconded by Graham Smith.

Vice-Chair – Peter Urquhart was re-elected to this role, proposed by Graham Smith and seconded by Calum Matheson.

Treasurer – Duncan Brown was re-elected to this role, proposed by Annmarie Campbell and seconded by Neil Campbell.

Secretary – Lorna Cormack was re-elected to this role, proposed by Calum Matheson and seconded by Annmarie Campbell.

Tiffany Maberley had recently retired from the Board of Trustees.

New Trustee Appointment – Chris MacDonald was proposed by Calum Matheson and seconded by Peter Urquhart.

John Boyd, Annmarie Campbell, Neil Campbell, Graham Smith, Pam Simmister continue in office as Trustees.

Ross Cowie passed away

## **AOCB**

### **Skye Rugby Club**

Ian Renwick has requested support from Portree and Braes Community Trust for the use of the King George V field for rugby games. Currently the Skye rugby team is traveling to Plockton High School for its home games, at great expense.

While PBCT are supportive of the Skye Rugby Team, and the sport in general, the current state of the KGV pitch does not allow for games of rugby to be played. The damage caused by the rugby club practices is noticeable and, for the time being, they have been asked to move their practice sessions around the pitch week to week, to allow regrowth on the areas previously used.

### **Ross Cowie**

The meeting recorded their sadness at the loss of one of the Trust's most loyal members, trustees and supporters, Ross Cowie. Ross was one of the founding members of The Portree and Braes Community Trust and his unwavering commitment to sport, healthcare and the local community was second to none. Ross's vision, powers of persuasion and deep affection for the people of Portree and Skye was behind the success of many a community project. A memorial to Ross is being discussed and will be created in the coming months.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Annual General Meeting was proposed to be held on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

Portree & Braes Community Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 May 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/5/25 Total funds £	31/5/24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	42,399	303,778	346,177	346,644
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	10	790	-	790	-
Debtors	11	44,289	313	44,602	31,650
Prepayments and accrued income		12,575	11,681	24,256	11,741
Cash at bank and in hand		57,008	85,006	142,014	172,404
		114,662	97,000	211,662	215,795
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,107)	(1,555)	(15,662)	(39,612)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>100,555</u>	<u>95,445</u>	<u>196,000</u>	<u>176,183</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>142,954</u>	<u>399,223</u>	<u>542,177</u>	<u>522,827</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>142,954</u>	<u>399,223</u>	<u>542,177</u>	<u>522,827</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				142,954	120,234
Restricted funds				399,223	402,593
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>542,177</u>	<u>522,827</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
D Brown - Trustee

**Portree & Braes Community Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 May 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/5/25 Total funds £	31/5/24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		3,991	44,418	48,409	76,263
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Core		9,449	125,419	134,868	147,905
Other trading activities	2	10,768	900	11,668	10,766
Investment income	3	47,419	22	47,441	32,789
<b>Total</b>		<u>71,627</u>	<u>170,759</u>	<u>242,386</u>	<u>267,723</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		395	-	395	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Core		44,313	154,058	198,371	150,622
Depreciation		6,383	17,887	24,270	16,423
<b>Total</b>		<u>51,091</u>	<u>171,945</u>	<u>223,036</u>	<u>167,045</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		20,536	(1,186)	19,350	100,678
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	2,184	(2,184)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>22,720</u>	<u>(3,370)</u>	<u>19,350</u>	<u>100,678</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		120,234	402,593	522,827	422,149
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>142,954</u>	<u>399,223</u>	<u>542,177</u>	<u>522,827</u>

## Ordinary Membership Application Form

### Eligibility

Any individual aged 16 or over  
Residing within the Portree & Braes postcode area  
Whose name appears on the electoral roll

### Membership Benefits

As a member, you are entitled to:

Vote at Annual General Meetings and Special  
Members' Meetings  
Elect Trustees  
Take decisions on changes to the Constitution and  
other resolutions affecting the organisation  
Receive updates on Trust activities and be  
involved in decision-making

Membership is free, automatically renewed unless  
you notify us that you wish to opt-out.

### Aims & Objectives of the Trust

All members agree to support these aims and  
objectives:

To advance & promote community development  
in the Portree & Braes area, including maintaining  
or improving our physical, social and economic  
infrastructure, and assisting people who are  
disadvantaged.  
To preserve, conserve, restore and improve the  
environment.  
To promote, establish, operate and/or support  
other schemes/projects with charitable purposes  
for the benefit of the Portree & Braes community.

Please complete this section in BLOCK CAPITALS

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Declaration

I confirm that:

I am 16 or older.  
I reside within the Portree & Braes postcode area.  
My name appears on the electoral roll.  
I support the aims and objectives of the Portree &  
Braes Community Trust.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Sconser Integration

**Decision deadline: 24/2/26**

Portree & Braes Community Trust have been approached by Sconser Community Council with a proposal to extend the Trust's geographic boundary to include the Sconser Community Council area (population ~130). This would allow Sconser to access certain funds and support through the Trust, and work on projects together where appropriate.

Are you in favour of extending the Trust's geographical boundary south to include the Sconser Community Council area? Extending the boundary as described: "a line just north of Sligachan Hotel, along the head of Loch Sligachan, through Sconser village, Druim na Cleòchd, to a point on Loch Ainort, just north of Aricharnach and including a large proportion of the Red Cuillin."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes    No    Undecided

Date: \_\_\_\_\_