

# Portree and Braes Community Trust

Meeting of The Portree and Braes Community Trust Board – 20/5/25 at 7pm Jans Donald Ross Suite

	Item	Minutes	Action Points
1	Welcome, Introductions Apologies	<p>Present: Peter Urquhart (Vice-chair); Duncan Brown (Treasurer); Lorna Cormack (Secretary); John Boyd (online); Neil Campbell; Irene Deplano</p> <p>Staff: Iona MacDonald, Development Officer; Luke Slater, Finance and Administration, Alec McLeod, KGV Project Officer.</p> <p>Apologies: Calum Matheson (Chair), Graham Smith; Chris MacDonald; Annemarie Campbell; Pamela Simmister.</p>	
2	Adoption of Minutes	<p>Approved: Lorna Cormack</p> <p>Seconded: Neil Campbell</p>	
3	[Agenda Items]		
4	Check in / good news stories / updates etc	<p>New benches have been received and are ready for placement in Portree. John Boyd with co-ordinate this when home on leave.</p> <p>Helipad works are now finalised, with Neil Campbell completing the paint job within the last month.</p>	
5	Volunteer / Employee headlines	<p><b>King George V update – Swimming Pool site:</b></p> <p>As per the request of Trustees, a firm response was sent to The Highland Council regarding the use of the old swimming pool site. Our request for a handover date was not received well by council members, but it did raise awareness and kick start another round of conversation. Drew Millar has offered to set up a meeting with PBCT staff and Lynn Bauermeister.</p> <p>PBCT categorically require a handover date before any form off offer is made. This has yet to be supplied by THC.</p>	Alec McLeod to respond to THC requesting a response in writing noting the conversation points had at the last meeting between PBCT and THC.

		<p>Trustees have agreed that should no progress be made before the next board meeting, PBCT will go public with the difficulties they have had, to further pressure an adequate response from THC.</p> <p><b>King George V update – Pitch purchase:</b> FEI voluntary title registration still in progress</p> <p><b>Portree Community Centre:</b> Despite having assurances from THC that the lease will be handed over soon, there has been no movement since the last meeting of trustees.</p> <p><b>Skye Wheeled Sports:</b> Tommy Seymour, Shona Cameron and Suzy Lee provided a business plan for wheeled sports equipment and supervised sessions. The plan was approved by trustees. The SWS team will now submit their application to potential funders to get the project up and running. A number of considerations were raised , e.g storage of equipment, suitability of trailer and the amount of physical lifting required. This could be addressed if the group was successful in achieving its funding target. Tommy Seymour of the group would be running a road race on Loch Ness to raise funds in September – a JustGiving campaign has been set up within PBCT’s JustGiving account. Initial fundraising funds have been banked by PBCT.</p> <p><b>Fundraising opportunities:</b> Duncan Brown initiated talks regarding potential fundraising opportunities in the future. HIE funding is lessening with each passing application, with that, new opportunities need to be explored. Potential capital raising projects like renewable energy sites have been discussed.</p> <p><b>Sconser Community Council:</b> A request was made by the SCC to join PBCT as a part of the catchment area. While trustees were mostly in favour of this idea, it was decided that much more detail was</p>	<p>Trustees recommend a permanent member of the SWS team join as a trustee. In the interim, Luke Slater has volunteered to fill the role as trust contact.</p> <p>A conversation with DTAS to discuss the idea to be arranged by Iona MacDonald.</p>
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6	Issue List	Lorna Cormack requires more volunteers for the Gala Day and raft race traffic management on the 31/5/25.	Luke Slater to send an email to all PBCT members requesting volunteers contact Lorna.
7	Development Officer Report	<i>Iona MacDonald shared a report of her progress.</i>  <i>Board members approve the work plan provided.</i>	
8	AOCB	Insurance: Renewal of the Trust's annual insurance package with NFU was approved by Trustees.	
9.	DONM	<i>17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm in the Jans Board room.</i>	
10.	Close	Vice Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.	