

Portree and Braes Community Trust

Meeting of The Portree and Braes Community Trust Board – 22/7/25 at 7pm Jans Donald Ross Suite

	Item	Minutes	Action Points
1	Welcome, Introductions Apologies	Present: Calum Matheson (Chair); Duncan Brown (Treasurer); Lorna Cormack (Secretary); Chris MacDonald; Graham Smith; Neil Campbell Staff: Iona MacDonald, Development Officer; Luke Slater, Finance and Administration, Alec McLeod, KGV Project Officer. Sconser: Heather Nicolson, Judith Wallace Apologies: Peter Urquhart (Vice-chair); John Boyd; Annemarie Campbell; Irene Deplano; Pamela Simmister.	
2	Adoption of Minutes	Approved: Lorna Cormack Seconded: Chris MacDonald	
3	[Agenda Items]		
4	Check in / good news stories / updates etc	Sophie Wilson due back from maternity leave on 8th August. Heather Nicolson, Chair of Sconser Community Council, Judith Wallace, Treasurer, were in attendance regarding the potential adoption of Sconser into the PBCT constitutional area. Below are some points and issues they mentioned in the meeting: - Lack of support by authorities of local parking, toilets etc. - Struggling with funding due to size of community council, not big enough to acquire larger funds - Running up against resistance on paths maintenance from THC - MOWI have community engagement high on agenda, happy to meet some funding requirements (e.g. 20%) - Issue with undergrounding by SSEN, 80m wide tracks through croft land, no compensation for community - Land is SSSI, large environmental impact - Sconser population is roughly 150, with lots of crofting families	

		- How could PBCT be of use to Sconser? – Advice, support and unity. A stronger hand with regards to funding and voice. - Chris MacDonald to talk with Seumas MacLean, who is from Sconser, to represent and be a link between PBCT and SCC. Duncan Brown, and Calum Matheson propose EGM to change constitution to incorporate the Sconser area within PBCT area, should the membership vote in favour.	
5	Volunteer / Employee headlines	<u>Skye Wheeled Sports</u> Ramps to be moved asap as PBCT are liable should any accidents happen. <u>Paths group</u> Funding secured for Braes path beach. Met with crofter and contractor for site visit in mid-June to scope work. Work expected to start in the coming months with provision to have work completed before end of the year. Bulbs planted in the village. Benches placed in the village, potential for more benches to be supplied as a donation from Cat Macpherson. Complaint received during last community council meeting regarding paths group. We were accused of ringing trees at Pat Gordon place and putting weed killer down outside the Church of Scotland. Both accusations were not true, and Roger Liley (community council/paths group) explained that was not our doing. <u>Renewables</u> Loch Fada (Braes) and Glenmore were floated as potential sites for renewable energy projects. River Chracaig under consideration, provided we can find a viable spot downstream from the current mini-hydro sites. <u>Ariane Burgess MSP Meeting</u> Coming to Small Hall PCCA, meeting 23/7/25. Iona and Alec to attend. <u>Pier Toilets</u>	This work has commenced.

		Top hinge now broken. It was agreed by trustees that the time has possibly come to now remove the toilets from the pier. Lorna Cormack suggests self-cleaning toilets; they are potentially funded by eco funding. Lorna will check the costs. If the eco toilets are viable, we potentially swap instead of removing right out. Decide in October meeting. <u>King George V</u> THC took down the fence to put up the cabins and haven't put it back up – Iona to write to them and request fencing is returned. A request is to be made that no unnecessary vehicles are on the KGV, ambulance and emergency helicopter are acceptable. This is due to the state vehicles leave the surface in, deep tyre marks take time to repair – Neil Campbell to contact local coastguard officer to make this request <u>Agricultural Show</u> Staff and trustees on the PBCT stand, Graeme Smith and Lorna from 2pm, Iona and Alec up until then.	Andy Macpherson asked to make repair to hinge in the meantime. Iona to prepare report. Iona to contact Willie MacKinnon.
6	Issue List	Alec McLeod out of contract	Iona MacDonald searching for sustainable funding for the post

7	Development Officer Report	<i>Iona sent out dev officer report, approved by the board of trustees. Alec gave an update on the KGV site purchase</i>	
8	AOCB	Duncan wants to set up a bay for water filling, black and grey water disposal, at Bayfield. Requests staff and trustees think of potential ideas on how to make this work.	
9.	DONM	<i>7pm 2/9/25 Jans Board Room</i>	
10.	Close		