

Portree and Braes Community Trust

Meeting of The Portree and Braes Community Trust Board – 7/10/25 at 7pm Jans Donald Ross Suite

	Item	Minutes	Action Points
1	Welcome, Introductions Apologies	<p>Present: Calum Matheson (Chair); Duncan Brown (Treasurer); John Boyd; Lorna Cormack (Secretary); Chris MacDonald; Graham Smith, Irene Deplano</p> <p>Staff: Fiona Thomson, Development Officer; Iona MacDonald, Development Officer; Luke Slater, Finance and Administration; Alec McLeod, Project Office KGV (Online)</p> <p>Apologies: Peter Urquhart (Vice-chair); Annemarie Campbell; Pamela Simmister; Neil Campbell.</p>	
2	Adoption of Minutes	<p>Approved: Chris MacDonald</p> <p>Seconded: John Boyd</p>	
3	[Agenda Items]		
4	Check in / good news stories / updates etc	<p><u>The Colonel's Cèilidh</u> – 7 November A cèilidh to celebrate the life of Ross Cowie will be held at the Skye Gathering Hall. Organised by Lucky2Bhere and Lorna Cormack.</p> <p><u>Community Centre</u> – Toilets have been upgraded with new mirrors, sinks etc. New roof must be well on its way by March 2026. Alec reported that funding is incoming to cover the project officer until March.</p> <p><u>Helipad</u> Conversation regarding helipad restrictions is going to Westminster on 15th October – Neil has done well to push this so far.</p> <p><u>Fiona Thomson</u> returning to work on the 17th of October.</p> <p><u>Irene Deplano</u> had a successful litter clean up session in Portree.</p>	

5	Volunteer / Employee headlines	<p>Alec has completed his walk for land justice in Scotland. Alec has been documenting the trip on film and will be publishing a documentary in the coming weeks.</p> <p><u>Kyle LDO</u> Iona attended the local development officers annual meeting held in Kyle and found it useful and enjoyable.</p>	
6	Issue List	<p><u>1. KGV and associated property</u> – in progress No major update, currently checking against OS maps for land boundaries. Lots of small questions regarding road adoption, water and electric etc. 31st March final date for funding. Ending of February for redundancy. Purchase price may have to drop by £11k if the date goes past 31/3/25.</p> <p><u>2. Progress with Sconser question</u> 2/3 of the votes in.</p> <p><u>3. Camus a' Mhòr-Bheòil path, Gedintailor</u> – complete, Invoice paid. Site visit next week, photos incoming.</p> <p><u>4. Pier Toilets</u> – HC have declined the offer to take them on. Dan Corrigan has an interest.</p> <p><u>5. Dog Park</u> The board is happy to proceed based on the last submission by Rebecca Miller.</p> <p><u>6. Trees Down after storm Amy</u> Thanks to Calum and Sara for clearing.</p>	<p>1. Iona to organise meeting at beginning of December with everyone involved. First week of the month.</p> <p>2. Trustees have taken several new member forms each, with a view to sign up the remaining needed to reach the target</p> <p>3. Plaque on the path bench to mention funded by PBCT.</p> <p>5. Solicitors need to be contacted for lease details and use of land.</p>

		<p><u>7. Review of insurance and Policies</u> A review of the insurance and Trust policies is required.</p> <p><u>8. DTAS Training</u> Chris away in December.</p> <p><u>9. PBCT Trailer</u> Working well again, new tyres needed, £320 for them all.</p>	<p>7. Duncan and Iona to arrange a meeting with Jake Sayles, NFU..</p> <p>8. Luke to arrange the training when all trustees are available.</p> <p>9. Duncan to order and change the tyres.</p>
7	Development Officer Report	<p><i>Iona sent out dev officer report, approved by the board of trustees. Work plan approved.</i></p> <p><i>Alec gave an update on the KGV site purchase</i></p>	
8	AOCB	<p>Poppies and the Wreath for Remembrance Day – Graeme happy to lay the wreath, two more trustees recommend for attendance. Ann Marie to be contacted. Calum potentially the third person. Iona will order wreath.</p> <p>Sainsbury's have been in touch, looking to discuss place where they could do click and collect, 2pm, 2 vans, 6 days/week – Potentially at the Old Mill (Hugh MacDonald), or old ARMS centre (Fay Macleod). Iona will make keep in contact with George Kitson of Sainsbury's, Nairn.</p> <p>SCR bank account is now formally closed.</p> <p>Plaque for bench at top of pier steps in memory of Ross Cowie, Iona to organise.</p> <p>Chris suggested a way of keeping interaction up on the PBCT website. Potential of interesting people section. Alex MacRae has his name on the Mars Rover, for example. Many others within the PBCT area. There is potential funding available for this, this could be a part of celebrations for the 10th anniversary of PBCT.</p>	
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10.	Close		

