

Plockton and District Community Trust Meeting, 22 February 2021

Attendees: Sandra Homes(Chair), Alexander Mackenzie, Mary Jane Campbell, Catherine Will, David Skilling, David McGhie (PDCC)

Apologies: Malcolm Mackenzie

1. Actions from Previous Meeting

- Bank Account

The bank account should be up and running in 3-4 weeks with Bank of Scotland.

- European Maritime Fisheries Fund

This fund is still running but is very much focussed on fisheries and aquaculture projects rather than broader activities that might be taken forward by the Trust.

2. Membership

Need to refine process for dealing with memberships that are coming through by email. Currently applications that come through are being sent on to the Trustees and should then be approved at each meeting. We are required to keep a formal membership register to keep an accurate overview of membership including the membership categories. A minimum of 75% of our members need to be ordinary members.

3. Elections

Suggestion that we should have an open meeting of the Trust as a bit of an introduction to what the Trust is about and encouraging more folk to join. This would then be followed up with the AGM to elect Trustees. Agreed that we should hold an open meeting to raise awareness of the Trust and our plans and activities ahead of holding a formal GM/AGM to elect Trustees. Agreed open meeting would be held in March.

The Election process would then be for nominations to be put forward to become Trustees. Potential Trustees would need to be nominated by 2 other members. If over 9 people are nominated then elections would be required. Given current Covid restrictions this would most likely be by postal vote. AGM will be held in May on a date tbc.

4. Correspondence

Monitoring arrangements agreed for correspondence.

5. Website

Need a page up for the AGM and some tidying up required for the Governing docs. Also to start to put up more content about Trust activities.

6. Participation Request Update

Highland Council have requested that we put the process on hold as they are being deployed on Covid related work but they will pick up with us again as soon as possible.

7. Lochalsh Collaborates Community Survey Virtual Roadshow

It was agreed that we would accept the offer from the Scottish Community Development Council for a virtual roadshow looking at community need. It is hoped we can hold this on 10 March ahead of our own open meeting later in March.

8. Scottish Land Commission

Short discussion on Scottish Land Commission proposals including potential for engaging with landowners eg NTS in the future on proposed management plans. Agreed this document would be circulated round Trust group.