

Minutes of Plockton and District Community Trust (PDCT)

Tuesday, 6th July, 2021, at 7 pm by ZOOM

Present: Sandra Holmes, Alaisdair Mackenzie, John MacLean, James Krisp, Catherine Will, David Skilling, Mary Jane Campbell

1. Apologies: Alexander Mackenzie, Margaret Ann Matheson
2. Previous minutes: 1 June 2021: adopted by Sandra Holmes, seconded by James Krisp; 21 June 2021 (14 Harbour Street): adopted by Mary Jane Campbell, seconded by James Krisp.
3. Matters arising:
 - Car park, road safety participation request: DS reported that he and representatives of the Community Council had had a productive discussion with the council and were now waiting for the council to agree to a date for a site visit. DS and David McGhie were to liaise to arrange a meeting with interested parties to discuss and fund a feasibility study. Speeding in Duirinish: Cables have been installed to monitor this.

Action: DS to email David McGhie

- Gift Aid: JM has looked into this and in order to progress we need a bank account.
Action: JM to continue once bank account is established.
- Bank Account: SH experiencing difficulties in arranging an interview with the Bank of Scotland on the telephone. If she can't get them to arrange a suitable time, she will pass the information on to MJC.
Action: ongoing
- Filing Structure: DS/AlexM to progress this using Google Docs: Minutes: JK to set up a system for sending the minutes to members.
Action: ongoing

4. Membership Applications: the following new members have been approved: Ron Straine (A), Alison Millar (O), Linda Inglis (O), Anne Campbell (O), Duncan Gass (O), Suzanne Hazeldine (O), Megan Baillie (O), Sean McFleat (O), Alastair Bates (O), Joanna Fitzpatrick (O), Ruth Fiskien (O).
Action: AlexM to post congratulations on Plockton Past and Present, and arrange a possible reward/badge for Anne Campbell who is our 100th member.

5. Conflicts of Interest: AM supplied the meeting with an overview of Code of Conduct and declaring interest. The meeting agreed with his proposal in principle with three minor changes: expansion of “relative” to include nieces and nephews and first cousins; include members with staff, volunteers, and trustees; and make clear that the examples given are not finite.

Action: AM to make these changes and resubmit at the next meeting.

It was agreed that all trustees should complete a register of interests listing all relevant interests.

Action: SH to circulate hers as an example.

CW left the meeting.

6. Old Post Office:

- WHFP: photoshoot and article to appear in this week’s WHFP. There was a good turnout on a lovely morning. Thanks to Catherine Camp for taking the photos. It was agreed that a version of the article prepared by SH and some photographs would be uploaded to the website.
Action: JK – upload article and photos.
- Scottish Land Fund: AM has lodged a referral form with the Lottery Fund, no word back yet. This application will be passed on to the SLF, represented locally by John MacDonald. SH, AM, David McGhie, and James Fergusson are to meet on Thursday to discuss a business plan and funding options.
- Other funding: A new fund, the UK Community Ownership Fund, has been set up by the government in Westminster. It was supposed to launch in June but has been delayed a month. This is a 3 year programme and they will be looking to spend money quickly in the first year. We can apply for both funds, UKCOF and SLF, asking for smaller sums from each to increase our chances of success. It was agreed that local fundraising is important to increase interest in our projects and, also, community participation.
- Community support petition: 22 signatures have been collected so far.
- JK contacted the PO with a view to possibly reinstating a PO in the village at some time in the future.

7. Phone Book: Areas have been allocated to MJC, CW, JM, SH, Brian Harvey, and Catriona Lexy Campbell, for door-to-door visits with the form. MJC will feed the information into a spreadsheet to be provided by JK. SH will highlight on Plockton Past and Present that the information can be given online.
8. Duirnish barns: MAM had indicated that this was not a priority and it was agreed that the Trust would look at this in the future after further discussions between the crofters and the NTS.
9. AOCB:
- Correspondence: SH has received an email from Wester Ross Biosphere offering to have a meeting with their officer, Saara, based in Applecross. This would also involve the CC and CIC.
 - JK raised the question of our prominence as a search option on Google and whether this is of benefit to the Trust.

- JM has agreed to do the minutes at our next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10th August, 2021.