

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees of Plockton and District Community Trust **held on 1 February 2022 at 1930 by Zoom**

Present: Alaisdair Mackenzie, Sandra Holmes, John Maclean, Alexander Mackenzie, Catherine Will and Mary Jane Campbell (Notes).

1. **Apologies.** Margaret Ann Matheson, David Skilling
2. **Conflict of Interest.** No conflicts expressed
3. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2022 were approved unanimously.
4. **Previous Actions:** these will be addressed later in separate items on the Agenda.
5. **Membership:** Gus Loudon was accepted as a full member.
6. **Correspondence:** will be addressed under other items.
7. **Old Post Office:** various groups have been invited to meet to discuss ideas for the use of the old Post Office. So far, representatives have been identified from the Paper Shop, the Village Hall, PSBSC, Business Interests, Historical Society, the Community Council and the Trust. No response yet from the Knitters or Parents and Toddlers Group.

It is important to bear in mind that other developments in the village may have a bearing on future plans for the premises. Catherine MacPhee, an archivist with Dualchas in Portree, has offered to come and advise on setting up an archive for the village and the funding available for this. SH to arrange a time for the meeting.
8. **Phone Book.** MSC to email the list as it stands at present to trustees so that they can encourage those not yet on the list to join so that the directory can be as useful as possible. This will entail house visits, probably in the evening. Sarah Bruce has agreed to look at the list and work out how to arrange it in the correct format. She indicated that printing had been done for nothing in the past. It is still hoped that the new directory will be completed and ready for sale by the end of Feb/beginning of March.
9. **Car Park Consultation.** An email from Ian Hay, the Community Council lead in this matter, has been circulated. This shows maps of possible developments in the car park. It was agreed that the best way forward was to arrange a meeting with the Highland Council, Plockton & District Community Council, Plockton & District Community Trust, and other interested bodies to discuss the Council's position. SH to send an email to Ian Hay, copy to James Krisp, to set this up.
10. **Website.** Agreed that website needs improvement. The programme currently being used, Wordpress, though free, is not user-friendly. Alexander has identified another easier to use programme, Squarespace, which costs £15 per month for a year's subscription. He will check other options to see if a better offer exists. Alaisdair to check with Maggie whether the Lochalsh Trust might be able to suggest something more cost effective. Skye & Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations to be consulted to see if they can offer any help.
11. **Housing.** After some discussion, it was decided that the best way forward would be to have a meeting with Ian MacIver from Skye & Lochalsh Housing Association, Ronnie MacRae, chief executive of the Community Housing Trust, two representatives from the Community Council and two from the Trust to discuss all the possible solutions for housing needs in our area, covering both

social housing and opportunities for self-build. Once this has been done, we will canvass our members for their views and give our recommendations to the council. SH to arrange this.

12. **Paddock** Discussions are ongoing with the new owner about the paddock becoming available for community use.

13. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday, 1 March 2022 at 7.30pm and note taker is Alexander Mackenzie.

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