

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic

Trustees' Annual Report - 7 July 2020 to 31 July 2021

1 Accounting Reference Date

The Trust was incorporated on 7 July 2020; this Trustees' Report is from 7 July 2020 to 31 July 2021.

2 Administration:

There has been much administration associated with establishing a new organisation. We have developed various forms and policies as is required to ensure our governance meets the regulations associated with being a charity and the storing of personal data. Linked to this we have set up secure, cloud-based, data storage.

Our website remains a work in progress and many of the early teething problems have largely been addressed. We can accept online membership applications and all our minutes are published on the website following approval at the subsequent Trustees' meeting.

3 Activities and Projects:

Community Profile: We undertook a detailed community profile of Plockton & District as part of the Lochalsh Collaboration. This provides really useful baseline info, with a breakdown by village of each of the following: age profile, employment sectors, land ownership and use, community facilities, and others. A summary was printed in Community News (Issue 10, Dec 2020). Linked to this we promoted and supported the Lochalsh Collaborates community survey and an online roadshow for Plockton & District on 17 March 2020.

Consultations: We responded to two consultations (both responses were shared with members prior to submitting):

- I) **Scottish Government – short-term lets consultation:** This concerns a licensing scheme and control areas for holiday lets and B&B accommodation. Our response centred on the control areas as we wish to see an appropriate balance between short term lets and housing opportunities, with a view to strengthen the number of year round residents.
- II) **Highland Council – Expansion of Kishorn dry dock and type and work it can do:** Our response centred on the impact this onshore development may have on the marine environment, and specifically the access of local fishermen to traditional creel grounds.

Participation Request: In partnership with the Community Council and Harbour CIC we submitted a Participation Request to Highland Council seeking improvements to traffic management and car parking in Plockton and road safety in Duirinish. Highland Council has responded positively though progress has been delayed due to COVID. We are also interested in the potential to further develop the Plockton car park. The community and key stakeholders will be fully consulted as these discussions progress.

Phone Book: If there is demand we propose to create a new local phone book for the area. As well as providing a handy resource this should generate some income for the Trust. Due to Data Protection legislation we have to start afresh as we need informed consent from each person before we can publish their contact details.

Old Post Office, Plockton: We are about to apply to the Scottish Government to 'register an interest' in the former Post Office in Harbour Street. If successful, and if the NTS offers this for sale, we would be granted first refusal to purchase and up to eight months to raise the purchase price. The building has been used directly by the community for over 20 yrs (knitters and papers) and prior to this it was used as a Post Office for around 60 yrs. It would be good to secure this for continued community use. As part of the application process we need to demonstrate community support by way of a petition; this will be made available shortly.

Dan's House, 14 Harbour Street, Plockton: In July 2020, we learned that Highland Council again intended to place Dan's house on the open market. A meeting was held with the Community Council and representation detailing our concerns was sent to Highland Council.

4 Members' meetings and election of Trustees

A members' meeting, open to non-members also, was held by Zoom on 14 April 2021. This was to update members on activities to date and to outline the election process in advance of our forthcoming AGM.

At the closing date, nine nominations for the position of Charitable Trustee were received. As there were nine positions available the following nine individuals were appointed as Trustees at our inaugural AGM which was held by Zoom on 14 April 2021.

Alasdair Mackenzie	- Vice Chair
Alexander Mackenzie	
Catherine Will	
David Skilling	- Secretary
James Krisp	
John Maclean	- Treasurer
Margaret-Ann Matheson	
Mary Jane Campbell	
Sandra Holmes	- Chair

6 Members:

At the end of July 2021, we had 99 members:

5 Summary of Accounts:

Income	£
Donations	122
Fundraising	<u>675</u>

797

Expenditure 0

This report was approved by the Trustees of PDCT at a Trustee meeting on 11 January 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Sandra Holmes
Chair

Date 11 January 2022