

Plockton & District Community Trust Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 4th October 2022, Village Hall

Present: Alasdair Mackenzie (chair), Alexander Mackenzie, John MacLean, David Skilling, William Taylor, Mary Jane Campbell (notes).

Alasdair welcomed William to his first Trustees' meeting.

1. Apologies:

Catherine Will, Sandra Holmes, Margaret-Ann Matheson.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Previous minute:

The minute of the meeting of the Trust held on 6th September 2022 was read and approved unanimously.

4. Actions

List of actions was updated (copy attached).

5. Applications for Memberships

Applications for Associate membership will be held in abeyance until the number of Ordinary members increases.

6. Correspondence

Two letters have been circulated; one relating to the Unesco Biosphere and a letter of thanks from Morag Amos for a contribution to a defibrillator for Achnadarach and Achnahinich. In future, correspondence will be circulated for information unless there is a need for discussion at a meeting.

7. Lochalsh Collaboration Update

This meeting was attended by Catherine and Sandra. Booklets outlining the findings have been published. An electric bus, Hamish MacBus, has been acquired and is available for all to use. Three short videos were shown, two of local projects. Lots of ideas to discuss and all suggestions welcome, e.g using the bus to take OAPs from Plockton to Achmore for coffee and a chat and vice versa.

8. Old Post Office meeting with Olli Blair, Architect

The meeting was attended by representatives from the knitters, the paper shop and the village hall along with three members of the Trust. Olli outlined three options, all including insulation:

Option 1: Replace the toilet in the space where the cupboard is - £15,000-£20,000

Option 2: Build a small kitchen area and toilet in the space between the PO and the barn - £50,000-£75,000

Option 3: Extend out the back to incorporate the area of the barn including the kitchen and toilet as in Option 2, and possibly steps up into what could become a community garden.- £15,000-£200,000.

It was felt that Option 2 was the most feasible at the moment, with the possibility of moving to Option 3 in the future. It is important to identify the possible uses which can be made of the space.

A special Trustees' meeting will be arranged, probably by Zoom, to discuss the Feasibility Study and how best to progress this project.

9. Plockton Inn Liaison Meeting

This was attended by a good cross section of representatives from the village and was chaired by Abby, the manager, and two of the company's top management. They expressed their willingness to get involved in events in the village and offered to help if required. Problems with staff accommodation and parking were mentioned. The Inn will close on January 5th 2023 and reopen, fully refurbished, at the beginning of April 2023. They plan to hold these meetings twice a year.

10. Supermarket Deliveries

David has been informed that Morrisons are happy to do click and collect deliveries to Achmore and Plockton, starting in Achmore in October and hopefully in Plockton in November.

11. Paddock

Alaisdair to make revisions to the lease and Alexander to get an opinion from Peter MacKenna as to the state of the wall.

12. AOCB

It was decided to hold meetings in 43 Harbour Street during the winter months.

Next meeting: 1st November 2022

Minutes: Alexander