

Plockton & District Community Trust Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 10th Jan 2023

Present: Alasdair Mackenzie (Chair), David Skilling, Alexander Mackenzie, Mary Jane Campbell, Catherine Will, John Maclean

1. Apologies:

Sandra Holmes, Bill Taylor, Margaret-Ann Matheson.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Previous minute

The minutes of the meeting of the Trust on November 1st were agreed with minor amendments.

4. Actions

Updated as per Action List

5. Applications for Memberships

Peter Mackenna – Admitted as an Ordinary Member

Joy Mackenna – Admitted as an Ordinary Member

6. Correspondence

Correspondence circulated

7. Paddock

Alasdair Mackenzie has revised the lease and will distribute to the

8. Short Term Letting

Went to ward business meeting of councillors were supportive in principle but want to wait and see the data they gather from the STHL license process.

9. Access to PDCT Emails / Google Docs / Paypal

Sandra can provide information if needed for anyone who cannot access the google accounts. Application into paypal for a Trust account with a plan to add it to the website to allow for payments to be made to the Trust. Also noted the need to share access to OSCAR account.

10. Old Post Office

We have instructed a valuation of the Old Post Office. This has not been undertaken yet.

Sandra has made a start on the business plan. Margaret-Anne is looking into the costs of insurance. Before Christmas Sandra sent off an application to Highland Council's Community Renewal Fund for around £12k to cover full drawings, planning and building warrant for the extension. The Fund is heavily oversubscribed, but worth a shot.

Planning for fundraising required. Whilst we can hopefully get most of the purchase price in grant funds, this won't be the case for the extension. Also, it is easier to fundraise to save or buy a building than to improve it. I think we need to do a 'Save the building' campaign and mention somewhere that funds raised will be used for the purchase and development of the building.

11. Phone Book

The phone book was completed on the 8th December. Treasurer reports that £500 has been taken so far.

12. Cost of Living Crisis

See below:

13. AOCB

Mary Jane and David Skilling have contacted Kyle Trust to ask about funds or information available to help with the cost of living. No replies yet

Catherine will contact the Plockton Hotel to ask if they would restart the lunch club for over 65's that used to operate pre-covid

David Skilling will contact Atlas Arts to get training for the use of their projector kit. Potential for fund raising film nights, sports events etc in the hall.

Meeting day potentially changed to 1st Monday of the month as some members are attending the rowing skiff building which is every Tuesday.

Next meeting: 6 February 2022

Minutes: John Maclean