

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a'Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 3 April 2023 held at 43 Harbour Street

Present: Alasdair Mackenzie, Catherine Will, Mary Jane Campbell, Bill Taylor and John Maclean,

1. **Apologies:** Sandra Holmes, David Skilling and Margaret Ann Matheson.
(Margaret Ann has intimated by email that, due to time restrictions, she wishes to stand down. The Trustees thanked Margaret Ann for her contributions to the Trust and asked that David write to her accordingly)
2. **Conflicts of Interest:** No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. **Previous Minutes:** The minute of the meeting held on 6 March 2023 was approved unanimously.
4. **Previous Actions/ Matters arising:**
Updated and to be sent to David to action on Action List
5. **Applications for Membership**
None
6. **Correspondence**
None
7. **Short Term Letting**
Alasdair reported that the Scottish Government had agreed to allow Highland Council to make a short term let control order for Badenoch & Strathspey but that this could not be retrospective in application. Alasdair would contact the Ward Manager to discuss the implications of this on the Ward Members decision not to support the Trusts' request to introduce a short term let control order for Plockton until after the short term let licensing process was completed.
8. **Fundraising**
Report from Fundraising Sub Committee
At our meeting on 15 March 2023, we agreed that we would set out a programme of events to be held over the next year
Present: Mary Jane, Catherine, David and Alexander

Our suggestions are:

Feb/Mar – Burn's night in Plockton Hall (Feb/Mar so as not to coincide with the one held in The Croft Café)

April – (Easter) 7/8 April - Easter Egg Hunt in the Paddock

(Meeting Note – We have missed this date and will try something later on)

May (beginning of) – BBQ in the paddock

May, Jun, and Aug - Ceilidh and Dance in Plockton Hall towards the end of these months. If it is a success, we will hold all of them but will watch how it works out.

Sept/Oct – Race night in the Plockton Hotel or in the village hall

We also thought about asking for recipes at the Community Lunch to issue a Recipe Book for sale.

David will investigate a Good Box to see if we can install one somewhere without too much expense.

Alexander agreed to investigate the costs for bands to play at the dances we are planning.

Other suggestions were:

Christmas Cards for sale

An Auction in the Plockton hall

Lotto (like Kinlochsheil Shinty Club)

Just giving page – John has started this and will follow it up

Beetle Drive

Whist Drive

Fun Run for Children and Adults – 'Fun for all the Family', Baking Stall, Raffle, Competitions etc

We agreed that we should be able to call in helpers from the village, when needed for any of these events.

We thought a large stand-up barometer in the Old Post Office building would be a good idea. This would indicate how far towards our financial goal we had reached!

We are grateful to Margaret Ann Matheson for all her suggestions for fundraising and would like to ask her to be co-opted on to this sub committee if she would like to.

It was suggested that we should consider thinking about some benefactors who might be willing to contribute to our project.

9. Draft Trustees Annual Report and Draft Accounts

The Trustees Annual Report and the Accounts had been circulated to the committee and were agreed by the meeting. Thanks to Sandra and John for producing these.

10. Lochalsh Collaboration

Bill Taylor attended a one day seminar organised by the Collaboration on Saturday 11th March representing the Trust.

The day was organised by the consultants appointed and a programme was distributed in advance. There was a very good attendance from local Trusts and organisations

The record of the meeting is contained within the Community News and for the sake of brevity I will not repeat it here.

My impression was that the full timers seemed to wish to guide the meeting towards a more formal status for the Collaboration. However the overwhelming consensus of the meeting was that there were already enough in the way of community committees without adding another

It was felt that the Collaboration was a very worthwhile development best left to ad hoc campaigns and meetings as and when issues arise and would add "clout " to any particular campaign.

The regular monthly meetings were felt to be very useful particularly when the same participants attended from each organisation and should continue. All were happy that the Kyle Trust should continue to be the hosting organisation for the time being.

11. AOB.

It was agreed that we should ask David to send a letter of congratulations and good wishes to Maggie Cunningham on her appointment as President of An Comunn Gàidhealach.