

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a'Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 14 November 2023 held at Duirinish Oaks

Present: Bill Taylor, Alaisdair Mackenzie, Sandra Holmes John Maclean, Alexander Mackenzie, Mary Jane Campbell, David Skilling

1. Apologies

Catherine Will, Matt Jones

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

3. Actions

Action list run through and updated list will be circulated with minutes.

4. Membership

6 ordinary membership applications during October. All approved.

5. Correspondence

- Email from Northern Meeting fund inviting an application for funding. David to contact them.

6. Website

Work being done on logo ideas by graphic designer and these will come back to the Trust to comment on before looking at the website.

7. Old Post Office

Alaisdair attended a site meeting with Olli Blair, our Architect, and Norman Brockie, Building Conservation Planner in connection with our planning application. The planner was generally content but will require that two of the walls of the old stone shed at the rear be retained. Olli will submit amended drawings.

With regard to the proposed purchase and, in particular, the application of VAT to the purchase price, Alaisdair had contacted SCVO who offered 1 hour of free VAT advice. Advice on possible exemption from VAT was awaited. To access this advice the Trust had to join SCVO and Alaisdair had done this. This was free and would

enable the Trust to access a large amount of information and free advice. The meeting noted the update and agreed to homologate Alasdair's actions.

8. Tourism Place Plan

Successful Expression Of Interest to this fund and we need to submit a full application by the 20 November. Will be applying for £15,000 with a £3000 community contribution. Meeting with the Trust and community groups happening on 15 November to discuss ideas. This fund will allow us to do a proper feasibility study.

In other areas of support there is potential to secure a workshop run by SCOTO to support us in community consultation work. In addition we have been contacted by an organisation called Interface that can possibly offer post grad or academic support with our plans.

9. Airstrip

Trust met with Highland Council regarding our Expression of Interest in the airstrip. In principal Highland Council have agreed that they do not require the airstrip. There are a number of things that Highland Council need to resolve before it could be sold but assurances were given that Highland Council will not engage with any other parties ahead of the Trust.

10. Lochalsh Collaboration Meeting

The Local Place Plan proposal was adopted by the Collaboration. The Trust will remain engaged in this as options are looked at to make sure that we can influence this in the interests of the our community. Also noted that the Community Council have a significant interest in this. Trust will engage with project lead working on this to arrange a meeting.

11. Annual Report & Accounts to July 2023

The Annual Report (annual return to OSCR) was signed off at the meeting and will be published on the Trust website. This will be submitted along with the accounts.

12. Governance

Trustees reminded to complete updated conflict of interest forms.

13. Note Taker for Next Meeting

John

14. AOCB

- Screening of Wicker Man film going ahead of December 6th in Plockton Village Hall and advertising on-line and by way of posters will be undertaken.

Next meeting Tuesday 5 December.

