

Meeting of Plockton & District Community Trust (PCDT) - Monday 30 November 2020

Present: David Skilling (DS) (Chair) Alexander Mackenzie (AM), Malcolm Mackenzie (MM), Catherine Will (CW), Dave McGhie (DM), Ian Hay (IH)

Apologies: Mary Jane Campbell (MJC), Sandra Holmes (SH), Brian Harvey (BH), John Maclean (JM)

Membership

We have 39 ordinary membership applications and 5 associate membership applications. Although this number is lower than the 100 members we are hoping for it was felt that an online application form available on the website and another membership push through the Lochalsh newsletter, the WHFP and the Facebook page Plockton Past and Present will get the numbers up.

Action – D.S and A.M to follow up with James to add the membership form to the website

Trustee Elections

The board must make a date for an AGM within 15 months of incorporation. We were incorporated on 7th July 2020 so AGM must be before 7th Oct 2021.

Action – Check in with rest of board to decide on date for AGM/elections

Website development

D.S and M.M have put together text for the website.

Action – David to email content to James.

Community survey

M.M and D.S have done a great job putting this together with input from people around the District. It will appear in the next Lochalsh news letter and possibly on the website. It is hoped this will be an interesting document for future reference, funding applications etc

Kishorn planning applications

A Draft response is ready. We need to decide if we will host an Zoom meeting for all interested Trust members or just email it out to the membership and ask for comment.

Action – A.M will email board to make a decision on whether we got for zoom meeting or emails.

Campervan infrastructure survey (see attached).

PDCT should respond to the Lochalsh consultation. Perhaps as a joint submission with the PDCC. We will also raise the short term options with Pablo in the participation request meeting. Would they be interested in allowing us to manage something in the Plockton car park?

Action: We must respond to the tourist infrastructure plan/camper van survey.

Buckie's pier

We talked about the PDCT looking for a smaller project which we could take on that would be visible to the community. Carrying out repairs to Buckie's pier could be one such project.

I.H mentioned that the Coastal Communities funding could be used to pay for things like Buckie's pier, the main pier and extending the slip at the car park. Malcolm spoke with Jimmy Ferguson from the Harbour CIC. Jimmy pointed out that Buckie's pier was not part of their remit but they would be interested and pleased to be kept informed of any projects the Trust plans to undertake in the village both large and small. Jimmy also suggested Coastal Communities Fund as a source of funding for an overall feasibility study to look at possible projects in the area.

Action – David to contact Sandra about the funding application she submitted to the Coastal Communities fund for a District wide feasibility study.