

Plockton & District Community Trust
Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic
Minute of Trustees' Meeting:
Tuesday 16 January 2024
Held on Zoom

Present: David Skilling, Bill Taylor, Alaisdair Mackenzie, Sandra Holmes,
Alexander Mackenzie, Matt Jones, John Maclean and Catherine Will

1. **Apologies:**

Mary Jane Campbell

2. **Conflicts of Interest**

None reported

3. **Previous Minutes**

The minute of the meeting of the Trust held on 12th December 2023 was held as read and approved unanimously.

4. **Action List** –

ongoing

5. **Memberships**

(Alexander to fill in)

6. **Correspondence**

None to report.

7. **Old P O.**

Alaisdair reported that Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent had been granted.

The meeting agreed that Alaisdair would be the contact point for the Trustees when dealing with Campbell, Smith & Co in the conveyancing and whatever that entailed.

Sandra advised that our application to the Community Ownership Fund had been unsuccessful. It had been worth trying but we still have a shortfall of just under £5,000 to find for our share of the purchase price and legal fees.

Sandra also mentioned that we will have to insure the building whenever we purchase it and that we should discuss the way forward with the knitters and the papers. We will also require funding for electrical work and woodworm treatment.

We should look into the heating of the building, insulation and energy efficiency. Sandra will report back on this.

As the title will involve first registration it would be unusual if the question of boundary irregularities did not arise which would incur additional legal expense.

8. Fundraising

The Sub committee reported that, now that the New Year festivities had passed, they have planned to hold a Race Night in Plockton Hall. They had had difficulties co-ordinating all the necessary requirements but will meet in the next few days and get this up and running for around mid-February.

Other suggestions were:

A Just Giving page. Alexander will look into this -how to present it. Lottery was suggested as a good fund raiser

We have a licence for raffle and lottery. We should consult with other associations to determine details of running something like this. Sub Committee to report to next meeting.

9. **Short Term Let Planning Control Area.** Alaisdair reported that The Highland Council had agreed to make an Order for Badenoch and Strathspey area. He had contacted our local councillors with regard to our area and it was hoped that this would be discussed at the next Ward Meeting with, hopefully, a good outcome.

10.AOB

11. **Lochalsh Collaboration Report.** (Bill to fill in please.)

12. Arrangement with the Community Council regarding tourism and traffic in Plockton

This is progressing and we are hoping our application for funding to Highland Council is successful. Once we know, it was agreed that we should plan to regroup with all those interested parties from our November meeting. (Any more input, Sandra?)

13. **VAT.** It was noted that, while registering for VAT was a lot of work some thought it could be worthwhile. Alexander had previously been asked to bring forward a report on the advantages and disadvantages of registering. If the Trust was to register this would have to be done before we buy the PO. (Remembering too the possibility of owning the airstrip in the future). As government funding is being cut all the time, VAT might help in that situation.

14. **Whats App and the Website.** Matt suggested that we all join Whats App as a means of communicating between meetings. Anyone interested in a trial should contact Matt. Alaisdair did not think this was necessary. Matt agreed to work with Sandra on the website.

15. Note Taker for next meeting

Mary Jane

Date of next meeting: 1 February 2024

