

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 17 February 2025 held at 43 Harbour Street

Present: Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Catherine Will, Alasdair Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie,

1. **Apologies:** David Skilling, Bill Taylor, Matt Jones and Sandra Holmes.
2. **Conflicts of Interest:** No conflicts of interest declared.
3. **Previous Minutes:** Approved.
4. **Previous Actions:** It was noted that Catherine had updated her Register of Interest Form.
5. **Memberships:** No new memberships since the last meeting.
6. **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.
7. **Old Post Office:**

Gutter Repair

Alasdair advised that there was an outstanding balance of £467.00 from the Stage 2 grant which the Scottish Land Fund had kindly agreed could be used for the repair.

Alexander had contacted the Insurance Company who had advised that no excess would be payable and that any claim should not affect future premiums. It was **agreed** to obtain two written quotations which should include materials and advice on whether or not other parts of the guttering required replacement and quote accordingly. Alasdair would approach Jason Matheson and Catherine would approach Duncan MacVicar.

Replacement Door and Windows

Mary Jane had submitted an enquiry form to both the HIE Green Energy Fund and Business Energy Scotland asking what funding was available to help with replacing the windows, outside door and installing insulation. She had also attended a Webinar on Rural SEN – Energy Costs for Community Groups which covered:

- Utility Aid can help with upgrading buildings to reduce energy costs;
- 75% grants up to £20,000 are available from Business Energy Scotland;
- 8 year interest-free loans can be applied for;
- Quotes from Contractors required;

- Other funding may be available from: Local Energy Scotland, Highland Council and Net Zero Scotland;
- A dedicated Adviser is available based in Inverness.

8. Short Term Lets – Control Area: Alaisdair advised that a Report which had been due to go to the meeting of Highland Council's Environment & Infrastructure Committee would now go to the Committee's meeting in May.

9. Plan for Public Meeting on 3 March:

Alexander would prepare a poster for public display, advertise the event on social media and email Trust Members.

Mary Jane would circulate a list of the Trust's achievements as an aide memoire and ask for Trustees to take the lead on a topic for the meeting.

Refreshments would be made available.

10. Notetaker for next meeting: Alexander.

11. AOCB

Fundraising: Plockton Hotel were happy to host a Race night but Gus Loudon was running one for his School in Africa Project in March.

It was **agreed** to look in to the possibility of running a Lottery.

Next meeting to be held on 10 March 2025 in 43 Harbour Street.

