

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a'Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 9 June 2025, held at 43 Harbour Street

Present: Bill Taylor, Alaisdair Mackenzie, Mary Jane Campbell, David Skilling, Catherine Will, Sandra Holmes

1. Apologies

Alexander Mackenzie

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

3. Actions

Action list run through and will be updated accordingly.

4. Membership

No new membership applications received this month.

5. Correspondence

No new correspondence received other than round robin updates.

6. Old Post Office

A request has been made to Highland Council to change the classification of the building from shop to community hub in relation to business rates. Change of ownership has also been notified. Charitable rates relief is now being investigated.

The building warrant, planning permission and listed building consent are all in place for the small extension proposal to the Old PO to provide a toilet and other basic improvements that will make the building suitable for community use. We will now express an interest in the Scottish Government Capital Regeneration Grant Fund (CRGF) to support this planned improvement work.

The Trust is continuing to engage with Business Energy Scotland to look for support with energy costs and energy efficiency improvements.

The guttering repair has been completed by Jason Matheson and it was agreed to go ahead and pay the invoice. It was noted that Jason had adhered to his original quote despite the actual cost exceeding the quote due to the way the guttering brackets were secured to the roof joists.

7. PDCT Articles

It was agreed at the 2024 AGM that we would update the governing articles of the Trust to keep them up to date and fit for purpose. . The updated constitution can be viewed on the Trust website. .The Charity Regulator (OSCR) have now confirmed that we do not need further approval to change our articles. The proposed changes have therefore been adopted as of 22 May 2025.

8. Short Term Let / Control Area

No further updates. Emailed Highland Council for update.

9. Website

Website updated to remove Matt Jones's details as he has stood down as a Trustee. Page added on our SCOTO 'Press Pause' tourism workshop, with a link to the final report. New pages for the Traffic and Tourism work, the Paddock and planned use and the Community Lunches are under development.

10. Traffic & Tourism Plan

The draft consultants specification for the Traffic and Tourism Plan drafted by Sandra was agreed and will be sent to all local stakeholders for comment.

11. Finance Update

Monthly financial update provided and confirmed available funds of £785.29 after outstanding invoices and costs are taken into account.

AOCB

- Fundraising committee to meet and report at July meeting.
- Trust continues to seek new Trustee's (2 spaces)

Notetaker for next meeting: David

Next meeting: Monday 7 July 2025

