

Plockton & District Community Trust

Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a'Phluic

Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 26 May 2026, 43 Harbour Street, Plockton

Present: Catherine Will , Mary Jane Campbell , Sandra Holmes , Kyla Orr , Alexander Mackenzie , Bill Taylor

1. Apologies

David Skilling

2. Conflicts of Interest

As a knitter, Catherine declared that she thought it proper to declare an interest on the question of the use of the Post Office building by the Knitting Group.

3. Actions / Matters Arising

The first matter arising concerned the relationship between the Trust as landlords of the Post Office and the group of knitters who used the building between April and October each year. Considerable discussion followed on this matter with all trustees contributing to the discussion with the exception of Catherine who , though present , had declared a possible conflict of interest at the beginning of the meeting and did not participate in the discussion.

Bill explained the legal position and Sandra indicated the importance of supporting local people who were occupied in a socially useful set of skills . The consensus of the meeting was that the informal arrangement which had obtained between the knitting group and those responsible for the Post Office should continue on an informal basis for the remainder of 2026 . It was noted in particular that the group would pay into the Trust funds the sum of £40 per week and additionally that they accepted responsibility for the building when in use by them and would pay the electricity bills . No formal lease would be drafted at this point .

The position of the newspaper group was discussed and the meeting noted that the service provided by those who assisted in that enterprise provided a very important community service which benefitted the entire community in Plockton.

4. Membership

No new memberships since last meeting.

5. Correspondence

No new correspondence noted since the last meeting.

6. Paddock

Alexander would send a copy of his thoughts on a risk assessment for the use of the Paddock to Bill . It was hoped that this would be a completed task by the next Trust meeting. Sauna to be discussed at a future meeting with David / Malcolm present.

7. Traffic & Tourism Master Plan

Sandra reported on the open meeting held on 29th April in the Plockton Village Hall. It was well attended and heard a presentation from Alisdair Clements of INCH Architecture. Various groups and individuals had been consulted by Alisdair during his two day visit and Sandra would be contacting him on the following day to discuss future progress. Sandra was congratulated by the Trustees for her hard work on this project and the Trust looked forward to specific proposals in due course.

8. Short Term Let Control Area

The meeting felt that a strong response should be prepared on behalf of the Trust especially since it had received a very clear unanimous verdict from the members to pursue control area status for the area.

9. Finance

Sandra introduced a note giving the up to date financial position. The report was approved and further it was agreed that the loan of £5000 which had been granted to the Trust should now be repaid.

10. Fundraising

It was agreed that Catherine would convene a meeting of the Fundraising Committee. They would particularly consider a launch event for the community use of the Paddock

Next meeting 9 June 2026

(Agreed that future meetings will take place on a Tuesday)