**PORTREE & BRAES COMMUNITY TRUST (SCIO)**

**TRUSTEE’S BOARD MEETING**

7pm Tuesday 10th October 2017

Jans, Industrial Estate, Portree

**ATTENDANCE:** Donnie Nicolson (DN), Duncan Brown (DB), Chris James (CJ), Dorothy Ann Urquhart (DAU), Neil Campbell (NC), Ross Cowie (RC), Roger Liley (RL), Bill Edgar (BE), Myra MacLeod (MM), Calum Matheson (CM)

**APOLOGIES:** Graham Smith, Irene Deplano, Ronald MacDonald

**MINUTES:** Proposed RC. Seconded DB

**TREASURER’S REPORT**: [ ] Full accounts and financial position discussed.

**HIE MEETING:** [ ] met with Stuart MacPherson. HIE have made an offer of funding towards project officer. [ ].

**TOILETS:** All contractors have been paid. However still awaiting some paperwork before all can be signed off with LEADER. All has to be concluded by end of month.

[ ] mentioned need for ‘public toilets’ strap line on building to make folk aware of their use. As coin locks couldn’t be fitted possibility of barrier being erected was discussed. We also need to address ongoing costs and speak with councillors and ward manager.

[ ] questioned toilets project going forward. [ ] states that Hugh Gardiner, Highland Council is waiting for PBCT to contact them about toilets on The Green

[ ] to contact John MacKay (HC) and find out when he will be on Skye so that The Green block can be discussed.

[ ] requests Trustee volunteer to take on sub group.

**LAND PURCHASE:** Awaiting return of paperwork from Community Land Fund, we have been granted Stage 1 funding which will allow us to contract services to allow for community

consultation with any persons with interest in areas of ground which are being offered for community ownership. This will allow consultation to be carried out in November and December 2017.

**HEALTH SERVICES:** There is a focus now on having A&E service and beds available in Portree. Concerning that Portree ambulance is in Inverness most days, leaving no cover locally.

Ian Blackford and Kate Forbes are now engaging positively with Save Portree Hospital Group.

**HARBOUR:** Harbour Group has now produced a document outlining Portree Harbour Development Plan. This is to be distributed with stakeholders, boat businesses, residents, moorings assoc, and their input will be sought on proposals made.

A meeting is arranged for Wed 1st Nov at 7pm to allow all stakeholders to come together and discuss the future of the harbour and whether there is a wish to pursue any future development or not.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITY GROUP:**  [ ] gave presentation on ideas that group have been looking at. They are presently applying for match funding for skate ramps intention is to site them on red pitch in Camanachd Square, Portree, permission has been granted, they are speaking with LSHA re possibility of this being included in their park checks. Insurance cover needs updating. Annie Davidson had spoken of ramps being taken to outlying areas of Skye, this hiring out could be a source of incomee.

They have looked at parks in Oban, Broadford muga, Ayr pump tracks and Architrail Inverness for ideas which would fit in with requests made by public (outdoor play area, bike tracks, exercise equipment for adults + more), At present Bayfield and areas directly adjacent to KGV are the most likely spaces to become available in near future.

**BAYFIELD:** Group have had meeting with councillors and they are happy with plans for re development however they stress that council has no money for projects. They have approached [ ] regarding renting out the tennis court area with view to providing temp toilets, RV hook ups.

**HELIPAD:** 30th October planned official opening date. Need for signage showing site is private and to show caution in site.

**FUNDRAISING:** [ ] Braes Hall is available for £7 per hour, bookings are taken by [ ] is willing to help organise a fundraiser, [ ] willing to assist. Possibly end of March 2018

[ ] had also mentioned having a fundraiser in Portree, [ ] has offered to help organise same and this could be towards end of February 2018

[Discussion on possibility of approaching hotels, guest houses with information sheets and collection boxes, entirely voluntary with view to visitors making donations to Trust. [ ] has priced boxes.

[ ] has discussed with Highland Council positioning of a 4th notice board, this one would be on the pier, would generate advertising fees.

**AOCB:**

Kate Forbes visit to Sabhal Mor Ostaig 3rd November

DTAS gathering of DTAS members An Crubh, Duisdale 18th November

Martin Cres Bench/Braes Woodland Gates all agreed to funds being used for same.

Newsletter – winter newsletter being prepared

[ ] requested that a date for future community consultation be looked at, as funders look for this community participation.

**DONM: Wed 8th November 7pm at Jans**