

PPCDT Trustees and Trust Members Meeting Minutes

Thursday 8th September 2022 – 7pm Pinwherry Community Hall

Marie McNulty (MM)	Trustee - Chair	Jack MacDonald (JM)	Member
Ann Berry (AB)	Trustee	Martin Arbon (MA)	PPCC
Jean Wylie (JW)	Trustee	David Hall (DH)	PPCC
Joe Rigby (JR)	Trustee	David Logan (DL)	PPCC
Brian Duffie (BD)	Trustee	Jim Guthrie (JGU)	Member

Apologies: Janette Gates (JG), Amy Watson (AW) David Walker (DW) and Anthony Hills (AH)

Declarations of Interest: None

Approval of minutes dated 11th August 2022: Proposed JR. Seconded JW

Matters arising: None

School Building Works/Funding update: In AW's absence MM gave an outline of the PPCDTO's monthly report – see Appendix 1. In particular, it was noted that several Trustees had attended a site meeting with the architect and builders to view the progress of the works. **Action: AW**

No accounts details are available due to the transition of the post of Treasurer to AB. MM reported that the current bank balance stood at £63434.26. Accounts will be available for submission to OSCR by Colin McNally shortly, using XERO software. **Action: AB**

Pinwherry Field Project: AB will gather and collate up to date quotes for the proposed field equipment. BD reported that the recently appointed contractor (Simon Russell) had completed two grass cuts since the last meeting. At this point a vote of thanks was given to Jack and Bob who had previously undertaken grass cutting on a voluntary basis. JGU gave a report on the progress of his sapling and fruit bush plantings. He noted that hedging etc would take a few years to mature and asked for an assurance that the contractor would leave the plantings alone to enable them to mature. JGU was also concerned that he has seen Simon with weed spraying equipment. BD assured JGU and the meeting that Simon would only cut the grass and that the weed spraying has been confined to the car park area only. Any other works such as cutting back overhanging trees etc would be agreed by the Trust before commencement. MM thanked JGU for his continuing support with the field.

SAC had been contacted regarding Community Payback with a view to clearing the rear of the school. AW will report their response IDC. AMEY are still to respond regarding any works that they can do in the field. **Action: AW and AB**

MM and AW have established and reported to Scottish Water the extent of washbasins, WCs etc in the cabins with a view to Scottish Water calculating the flow rate. Once done, Blacks can be contacted to progress installation

Action: AB, MM and AW

Pinmore Green Play Project: MM thanked DH for facilitating the community consultation. It was noted that there were some 126 residences spread over the area. Preliminary responses are also contained in Appendix 1. PPCC will now take the project forward with David Loudon of SAC **Action: PPCC**

AOCB

DL confirmed that the tree cutting at the two bridges had been raised with SAC.

JR queried the progress with the repair of the Marquee poles. It was reported that DW had passed them to Robert Shanklin in Colmonell for repair. **Action: DW**

JR noted that the title of the minutes suggested that only Trustees were due to attend meetings whereas trust members are also entitled to attend, although they would not count towards the Quorate or have a vote. It was agreed to amend the title of the minutes to be more inclusive. This is reflected in the title of these minutes. **Action: BD**

MM proposed DH as a new Trustee and the appointment was unanimously agreed by the meeting

MM has contacted ARA regarding road adoption and parking outside of the school and she will deal with this matter exclusively going forward. **Action: MM**

DH reported that, following the 'Places' meeting, he was looking into the viability of a Community Transport solution on behalf of PPCC. It is likely that any solution will involve other villages. **Action: DH**

Before closing the meeting, MM proposed that, due to Winter and Trustee availability, the next few meetings should be conducted online. This was agreed. A link to the meeting would be put on Facebook and the website to allow Trust members to join in. **Action: MM**

Appendix 1

Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust | Project Officer Monthly Report

Mid August – Mid September 2022

Pinwherry School – Next Phases

The second phase is due to start by the end of September. I have asked Gordon to carry out the work to provide a quote for the third phase of works as we will need up to date costing and plans for the final phase to accompany funding applications for phase 3.

Pinwherry School – Funding and Business Plan

The new replacement fund for LEADER was launched on 29th August, entitled the ARIA Fund (Ayrshire Rural and Islands Ambition Fund) and 30% of this fund is dedicated to capital projects. The main aims of this fund are community wealth building, reducing inequalities, transition to net zero and sustainable tourism. The school project meets the first two priorities well, in terms of developing community owned assets and reducing the effects of rural isolation etc, however the grants advisor said that their funding dates won't match with our project dates. Their funding must be spent between November 2022 and February 2023 and phase 3 won't begin until summer 2023 at the earliest. I enquired about applying for funding for furniture, IT equipment for the left side of the building, however they weren't too keen on that due to stage 2 potentially not being completed before they would be issuing the grant offer letters in November, despite it only possibly being a matter of weeks and there being no 'risk' to them as all funding has already been secured for that phase! It looks like it's a no go for now, but we can look at applying for next year's round.

More positively, our stage 1 application to the Regional Capital Grants Fund has been approved to move forwards to stage 2! We might be able to secure around the £200,000 mark towards phase 3 of the building works. The deadline by which to submit the stage 2 application is 21st October and Gordon assures me that the up to date costs and plans for phase 3 will be provided by then, as I'll need this information to support the stage 2 application.

Once we have the up to date costs and plans, I'll also be able to submit the Kilgallioch Stage 2 application.

Pinmore Play Park and PPCDT Newsletter

The play park surveys were kindly distributed to all houses in the parish by David and other volunteers. In total there were 13 returns – 6 online and 7 paper, with 7 were from households in the Pinwherry area and 6 in the Pinmore area. I'll create some charts and graphs, but upon inputting the data into an excel spreadsheet, here are the key facts:

- 7 responses from Pinwherry area, 6 from Pinmore area
- Only 3 of the respondents said they had children (4 aged under 5, 3 aged 5 - 8, 4 aged 9 – 12)
- The play park and the benches scored the highest in terms of their importance to respondents
- In terms of specific pieces of equipment, swings and slides ranked the highest, followed by benches and picnic tables, toddler equipment and climbing frame
- The preferred material for the playpark was steel construction
- There was one suggestion of a zip line
- There were 5 comments "Zip line!", "I think this would be a fantastic idea and a real benefit to the community. Would help people socialise and increase health and well-being.", "Some form of equipment is needed ASAP. There are more children living in the Pinmore area now and something for them to play on is required.", "A Pinwherry resident but believe there is a need for

facilities at Pinmore.", "Not really my area of expertise. No grandchildren and 82 years old. Live on my own. Wife in care."

Obviously, I'll type up the results properly, with the figures shown in graphs/charts etc, but this gives you a feel for what people have said.

Pinwherry Field

I now have the number of toilets/sinks etc in the portacabins and have discussed potential opening times and usage rates with Marie, so the next step is to calculate the flows and loads and submit that to Scottish Water. I'm planning to do that next week.

Pinwherry PLACE Plan Meeting

I went along to the P&P PLACE Plan meeting on 1st September and found it to be a useful insight into what those present from the community, regard as priorities in the villages. South Ayrshire Council will be producing a full report on the outcomes, but the top 5 priorities were identified to be:

1. Public transport – connectivity to other services, having earlier and later services
2. Moving around – lack of pavements, but also the physical lack of space for them, volume and speed of traffic
3. Work and local economy – lack of quality work in area, no active local economy
4. Traffic and parking – parking difficult for residents and minimal for visitors, danger of road
5. Play and recreation – no play equipment for young people (but obviously this is in hand)

Bulk applications

I have been liaising with Clare from Foundation Scotland about the best way to progress the larger applications for the running costs and project costs over 3 years. The new fund (the Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Fund) is not quite set up yet, and, as time is now getting short with regards to when you will need to pay invoices for the next batch of core costs, Clare has suggested that I apply to Hadyard Hill for a 12 month grant (i.e. running costs for the Trust and School for one year).

This grant will be issued in two 6 monthly payments and, assuming it is approved, we should get the first payment in November. The second would be due in May.

In the meantime, the new fund will hopefully be set up and I will be working on two bigger applications for the Trust - one for the core costs of the Trust and school, one for the project costs (i.e. play park, field, school refurbishment). This helps by giving us time to obtain costings for the park and to firm up the final set of capital costs for the school. Plus Clare (well Foundation Scotland) recommends that the **3 year bulk grants align with PPCDT's financial year** (year end 30th April). This makes the administration far easier from Foundation Scotland's perspective, but also PPCDT's perspective.

So, I have written and submitted the stage 1 Hadyard Hill application for the running costs for one year and await the stage 2 application.

Other

- I have returned the community payback form to the Council, regarding help with the weeding etc at the school and they have received it and will be in contact soon
- I have uploaded the June/July PPCDT meeting minutes to the Documents page of the community website and linked to Facebook.