

LDO report: 10/01/19

Updates	Notes
<p>PLOCK & THE TOLL OFFICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have looked into resolving the Plock shares issue by asking Kate Forbes MSP to put pressure on OSCR, however HPT's and our solicitors suggested that it might be better if she sent a letter to the shares company, Per Capita. In the meantime, Per Capita responded to HPT's solicitor that they will provide a list of requirements that Hamilton Park Trustees should meet if HPT are to be recognised by them as legal owners of the shares. It was decided, that we will wait for these requirements before involving Kate Forbes further as such a list of requirements and HPT's willingness to work towards them, should be enough for OSCR to allow for the transfer of the Plock. Once a list of requirements was provided, OSCR came back to say that this is not an achievable goal as HPT have already tried to obtain the death certificates of original shareholders and were unable to do it. HPT solicitor suggested to do another application to OSCR without the shares but it is not guaranteed that they would approve it and the decision wouldn't come until around April. We are now looking to transfer the Plock without OSCR's agreement, though HPT would still try to find the death certificates to resolve shares issue. It was suggested by our solicitor to check what has already been done by HPT to resolve it and if a genealogical company could be appointed to find death certificates and a legal representative of the last diseased shareholder. Our solicitor and me have checked a register and found 4 people, under the names provided by the shares company (which is now called LINK). Three of them have died in Lochalsh. This information has been passed to HPT solicitors. These 4 individuals are different than the original shareholders and it is assumed that they became Trustees of HP at a later stage.• Transport Scotland sent us an updated plan of the Toll Office property after consultation with Registers of Scotland.• An updated Offer to Sell document has also been sent to our solicitor. They require us to keep a clause under which we confirm that we've done our own assessment to see if there are any hazardous substances in, over, on or under the property. This is to keep Scottish Ministers free from any liability. Transport Scotland confirmed though that they are not aware of any hazardous substances. There is an ex-BUTEC employee who could look at the site for us informally but he doesn't expect to find anything of substance there.• Following local complaints, the bollard at the Plock entrance from the Heathmount Place has been taken down until spring 2019. KLCT plans to do more consultation to justify the installation of a bollard. It's also been in touch with Robbie Bain to ask for informal advice from Roads department at the	<p>Would Trustees agree to proceed with the transfer now and without a formal survey into potential contaminations?</p>

<p>Highland Council. Donald Kennedy (HC Access Officer) has also been asked for advice.</p>	
<p>LOCHALSH CONSULTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introductory letter has been sent to community councils and community trusts within Lochalsh inviting them to a meeting where we will discuss working together on a Lochalsh-wide consultation and community-led action plan. So far Plockton, Lochalsh, Kyle and Loch Duich Community Councils as well as Lochalsh Youth Community Trust have confirmed their attendance. • Mick Doyle is scheduled to have sessions with KLCT on 17th & 18th January. • A meeting has also been scheduled with Jo-Ford from SLCVO and potentially Elisa from Highland TSI to discuss community-led action plan of Lochalsh. 	
<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 individuals attended the Origami workshop on the 7th December. • Few first activities are currently being advertised. They include: A Sketching Walk at the Plock with artist Sarah Longley; Bushcraft sessions for families and teenagers; An afternoon of crafts and board games, A Cooking Class, Orienteering, Social meal followed by a music making workshop, Meditation workshop, Conservation volunteering and a Big Garden Bird Watch at the Plock. Four organisations (12 ladies) will be supporting KLCT at the afternoon of crafts and games. They include RagTag, Scottish Women’s Institute, Highlife Highland, RSPB, NTS and Lochalsh Hub Project. The last one will bring school age pupils to help with the board games. This will be their opportunity to work towards Saltire Awards. • We are organising another few activities, one of them is a Health & Well-being session. We are involving various local providers and organisations to plan this event. The planning session will be on Saturday 19th January. • I’ve had a telephone conversation with Ailsa Villegas from Highland Green Health Partnership. She works as part of the NHS Health Improvement Team that tries to encourage people to be more active and use more outdoors. They work to tackle health and inequality issues and focus on health and well-being. They have started to work on a specific project in the Highlands with partners including: SNH, NHS, UHI, Third Sector Interface, Highlife Highland, Highland Environment Forum, GP representatives, HC and Cairngorms National Park. As part of Phase 1 of the project they want to establish what’s already happening and to start mainstreaming green health. In phase 2 (starting in May 2019) they will have funding, grant scheme to tackle issues that prevent people from benefiting from green health. They are looking for few pilot projects and she was impressed by the amount of work we’ve already done at the Plock and that we are working to achieve very similar goals. We are hoping to set up a meeting with her, Jean Macrae and myself. 	<p>Support needed on the day of specific activities. Who can come? 12, 23, & 26 January 2, 19, 23 February 2, 23, ... March</p> <p>Would Co-op be able to donate teas, coffees and biscuits for the activities/events as well as ingredients for the cooking and baking classes?</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDO has revitalised the unused Skye & Lochalsh Dog Walking Group Facebook Page. It's getting increasingly popular with walks organised in north and south of Skye and in Lochalsh. • I'm preparing a press release for WHFP about the activities we are preparing. • We could benefit from a very small leaflet listing out all the activities, without going to too much detail and pointing people in direction to our website and Facebook page if they want to learn more. 	
<p>CAR PARKING/SSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Community Council has carried out an assessment of local businesses in Kyle (exc. NHS) to enquire as to how many vehicles their employees bring into the centre of the village. From direct questioning, there are 46 car spaces used by the owners/employees of the businesses. There were also a few businesses which had closed at the end of the season and Audrey Sinclair estimated that they would require a further 8-10 parking spaces. This brings the total to 56. • Previously, NHS has done a short scoping exercise and found out that at Kyle Medical Practice on average there are 28 people parking in Kyle during a day, with up to 51 on a bad day. In total, there can be up to 107 spaces taken up by people traveling to work in Kyle. • An email has been sent to all local Councillors and Robbie Bain asking for a meeting to discuss car parking and the potential of KLCT to take over management of the main car park in Kyle. 	
<p>RERAIG CAMPSITE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal has been sent to NTS for a 10-year long management lease of the campsite. We are now awaiting their response. • I had a meeting with Becky Milne from Broadford campsite to discuss running a campsite and started to prepare the feasibility study. There are a lot of things to consider and there might be substantial start-up costs before we open the site. Due to lots of work pressure, it might be a better idea to continue with the feasibility study once we hear back from NTS as there are other more pressing projects. 	
<p>UHI Sustainable Development Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've been approached by UHI to talk about our projects at their residential weekend between 24th and 26th May 2019. 	
<p>BT BUSINESS OFFER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still trying to resolve the last outstanding issue and to get virus protection for 3 devices. 	