

LDO report: 27/03/19

Updates	Notes/Questions
<p>PLOCK HUB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application has been submitted to the Highland Council for pre-planning advice. It covers all the developments at the Plock apart from the adventure park. • We've been offered £10k from HIE and were awarded £5k from the Ward Discretionary Fund towards the designs and costings of the Plock Hub and infrastructure. • Our sponsorship requests to Marine Harvest and Qinetiq have not been successful. • The timescales for applying to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund were too tight and we've decided to pull out of the application. There were also other important criteria which meant that our organisation could not fairly compete with local authorities and large organisations such as SNH. • Our invitation to tender for designs and costings of a Plock Hub and infrastructure has been sent to 7 companies. The initial deadline to submit tenders was extended to 12pm on 1st April after we decided to drop out of the NCHF. There will be a need for KLCT to contribute to the cost of these works. • At a meeting with local GPs last month, GPs told me that loneliness and isolation are the top health-related issues in the area. They were really pleased that we are planning to create a Hub at the Plock as there is no natural gathering place in Kyle. If we consider all the activities and projects we plan at the Plock, it strikes me that we are already creating a hub for our community. I see the entire Plock as a hub with various outdoors and indoors opportunities, rather than a single hub building. I propose that we change the branding of the Plock from tourist to community orientated (visitors will still be able to enjoy the activities and facilities) and engage our community more in the design of the Plock Hub building and the various projects. Many parents told me before that there is a need for an indoor soft play area. If we created one in the Plock Hub, it would bring another income stream, encourage more people to enjoy the Plock and could create opportunities for birthday parties, having evening fitness classes while kids are playing, allowing parents to combine play times with other activities organised by the ranger or a community engagement officer to mention just a few. I would like to ask people at the Wellness Event on 30th March and at another couple of days (up to the AGM) to tell us what they would like to see included in the Plock Hub building. This would hopefully make people more excited about our plans and wanting to get involved in developing these projects. • If you agree for locals having more say in the design specifications for the Plock Hub building, then we could still choose the winning tenderer based on the original information. Then we would give the winning company the opportunity to revise their cost based on the alternated specifications for the 	<p>Can we re-brand our developments at the Plock into creating a Kyle Community Hub? <u>Agree</u></p> <p>Do you agree to seek opinions from people on the specifications for the Plock Hub? <u>Agree/Disagree</u></p> <p>I suggest that we seek 1 person from the community to help choose a winning tenderer. <u>Agree/Disagree</u></p>

<p>building. We only have £15k secured towards the costs so the Trust would have to decide on its contribution level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We might be able to make a case to the Community Assets Fund at the National Lottery Community Fund. The fund is up to £1m and their fund embraces these 3 approaches: • People-led - meaningfully involving the people you're working with in the development, design and delivery of your activity. • Strengths-based - making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of people and assets within communities. • Connected - having a good understanding of what others are doing locally, developing good working relationships and complementing and adding value to other relevant activity in your area. <p>I spoke to Dougie Spence, a Funding Manager at the Lottery Fund. He told me that our Kyle Community Hub project seems potentially eligible, however he also made me aware that they will be closing all current funds at the end of March 2020 at which point they will do the final awards. He thought that our project wasn't potentially that far ahead as some of the others. They are looking for applications by January 2020, ideally with as much secured match-funding as possible. There is only £9M in the pot for April 2019 – March 2020. They will of course open new funds in 2020 but he is not sure what they will cover and how they will be structured. I would suggest that we push with developing our project for this specific fund as that's the only one large suitable fund out there at the moment.</p>	
<p>WILDLIFE HIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A steering group has been created comprising of Siobhan (Youth Trust), Derek (KLCT) and Seonachan (Urras Trust). • They are in the process of setting up a field visit for the S3 pupils to the Plock. 	
<p>LOCHALSH CONSULTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've had another facilitated meeting on 6th March with Community Councils from Plockton, Kyle, Dornie and Lochalsh as well as Glenelg & Arnisdale Development Trust, Plockton Development Group and Lochalsh Youth Community Trust. It was led by Mick Doyle from Scottish Community Development Centre. • We've created a subgroup to work on the 'Working Agreement' and another subgroup to identify potential questions for the consultation. • We've had a very positive conference call with Jo Ford from SLCVO and Lucy Cooke – an engagement officer supporting the Community Planning Partnership. Lucy will join us at the Wellness Day to help collect information. • We've asked Jo Ford to add an agenda item to the next meeting of CPP to tell them about our Lochalsh-wide consultation and ask them for support. • We've also been in touch with the new Stromeferry and Achmore CC. 	

<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The orienteering event had to be re-scheduled to 6th April due to poor weather. The Seashore Safari was also cancelled due to personal injury of the marine biologist who was to lead the session. • The line dancing attracted 6 participants. People were keen to have that as a regular activity and also said that they know many more who would be interested in this but didn't know about the specific event. • Wellness Day: A local person has kindly developed a very attractive poster/leaflet which has now been distributed by local people, the Housing Association handymen, health professionals, organisations and GPs. We also booked 2 weeks of advertising through the local radio. We've received up to £200 from the Health Improvement Fund towards costs of advertising and food for the event. A press release has been sent to WHFP ahead of the event. Pam MacRuary is uncertain if she will be able to cook for the event as her daughter might need to be hospitalised. The Lady who was to do make-up advice has cancelled last minute and I'm unable to find replacement. I've asked Murdo if his daughter could do it. 	<p>I will require support at the event – at least 2 Trustees. Cheryl will also be there helping me talk about the Plock and collect information. Who can come? Marie & Siobhan</p>
<p>PONTOONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is unclear if or when the pontoons are going back to Kyle this year. Please note that we do not have a Marine Licence to keep the pontoons in Kyleakin over summer. 	
<p>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were hoping to finalise the Annual Accounts by the end of March, however this is now in jeopardy due to the lack of information from the pontoons coordinator and his actions that we have just found out about. • I've asked the Accountants for advice if we can even finalise the accounts until the pontoons issue is resolved and what consequences the Trust would face from Companies House for being late with submitting AA. I'm awaiting their response. 	
<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of AGM has been moved to Friday 26th April at the Lighthouse Christian Centre – 6pm or 6:30pm? Any preferences? • I would like to suggest a cheese and wine event. Cheryl and I can do updates on our projects. • 	
<p>CAR CHARGING POINT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to submit a planning application for a charging point (financed by the Energy Savings Trust), however I need to find out which 2 bays you would like to dedicate for it. I would suggest the lower bays as the disabled space next to the Toll Office needs a wider bay (due to regulations) and will have a domino effect on the remaining bays. 	<p>Decision: <i>Bottom bays</i></p>
<p>INSURANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I require approval of the Zurich Insurance Policy. You mentioned that you would like the replacement cover for the Toll Office to 	<p>Do you approve the Zurich Insurance Policy? <u>Agree/Disagree</u></p>

<p>be greater than £30k. Please indicate, how much. Policy documents have been attached with the email.</p>	<p>Toll Office replacement cover - £.....</p>
<p>DTAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have signed up to be one of 3 pilot organisations that, with the support from Education Scotland, will evaluate its impact on the tourism sector. • Here are a few details about the process and the time commitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance at half day introductory / preparatory session (ideally staff and board member(s)) - discussing roles and agreeing performance indicators. ○ Two consecutive days for actual evaluations which will involve someone hosting the evaluation team, and someone visiting 3 organisations as part of the evaluation team. ○ There will be an evaluation report prepared for each of the 3 organisations. • As well as providing an independent evaluation which can be used with funders / stakeholders, etc, involvement in the project will afford an opportunity to learn key evaluation skills and techniques and to look in some depth at a couple of other development trusts. For staff, this will be an excellent staff development opportunity. • We are now awaiting further details from Rory Dutton from DTAS. 	