

**PACT LTD BOARD MEETING HELD AT APPLGARTH PENRITH ON  
10th July 2013**

**AGENDA:**

1. Apologies
2. Sarah Wilson to give short talk about hitch-hiking.
3. Any declarations of interest to be noted for each item on agenda
4. Minutes of last meeting - confirm correct record
5. Projects Update
  - ESCO
  - TREE WHISPERERS
  - FREEGLE FOOD SHARE
  - EGG MAP
6. Finance update
7. PACT stall at Penrith on a Plate/Eden Food and Farming Festival
8. Review of PACT progress to date, discussion on future direction (separate discussion document already sent) including reflection on Mike Berners-Lee's recent talk. Possible separate meeting to do justice to this important topic?
9. Autumn/Winter events programme for PACT
10. Possible launch event for PACT LTD; AGM?
11. Other matters arising
  - Eden (Cumbria) Local - magazine contributions going forward, Eden FM
  - Display boards from CAfS
12. Any other business
13. Agree date/venue for next meeting

Present: Nigel Jenkins (NJ) Peter Clarke (PC) John Bodger (JB) Peter Dicken (PD) Peter Ward (PW) Christine Sutherland (CS) Chris Cant (CC) Maureen Ward (MW) Sarah Wilson (guest)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	Apologies received from Geoff Rockcliffe-King	
2	<p>Sarah Wilson, representing Cumbria's Hitch Hiking Network (CHHN) gave a brief talk about hitchhiking and touched on the fact that it is an undervalued way of travelling. There is some unjustified prejudice with many people being concerned about safety. CHHN is looking for some organisation to champion this initiative with the aim of making hitchhiking more mainstream. Could CHHN be put under the banner of PACT with us acting as a "governing body"?</p> <p>NJ asked Sarah to put in writing what she would like to happen so that PACT can discuss it further. NJ confirmed that on the basis of the details provided to date, PACT would be interested in supporting this initiative. .</p>	<p>NJ to await response from Sarah.</p>
3	<p>It was noted that any declarations of interest should be expressed for each item on the agenda</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of last meeting had been circulated. JB proposed that these be accepted as a true record. PD seconded. NJ signed the minutes</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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5	<p>Declarations of interest: PW, NJ, CC, PC all declared interest. (PC now Chair of CAfS)</p> <p>ESCO: PW reported that this is moving forward slowly. The setting up of the bank account for Opt 4 took longer than anticipated and there were administrative problems with the Big Lottery which needed to be addressed before progress. It is planned to relaunch in the Autumn when people will again be thinking of energy costs. Opt 4 have built good relationships with local housing associations who are giving attention to helping tenants reduce their outgoings.</p> <p>TREE WHISPERERS PW reported that Dawn Hurton has finalised the project brief, 12 schools have so far signed up to take part. PW to prepare a written report on progress to date.</p> <p>FREEGLE/Food Share CC reported that there has been less activity on this - more work on technical side. He hopes to generate interest at Penrith on a Plate and the CAfS event at the beginning of August. There may be a PACT event in the autumn - certainly at Apple Day. Part of the money allocated for the Freegle food share is coming back to PACT and we are using this partly to fund the Egg Map. The number of entries on the Egg Map is very small so far - 6 or 7. NJ said he was happy to look at the design of a leaflet for the Egg Map before Penrith on a Plate.</p>	<p>PW to write report</p> <p>CC and NJ to liaise re Egg Map leaflet</p>

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6	<p>CC gave an update on finances. Our insurance premium is due - £318 which includes £10m public liability.</p> <p>Our registered name is technically wrong and CC will see this is changed</p> <p>Bank signatories Currently these are JB PC PD PW and CC with Internet access for CC PC and PW.</p> <p>PW proposed that the chair (NJ) should be a signatory. MW seconded</p> <p>Corporation Tax - PACT must apply for exempt status at HMRC - otherwise if PACT earns an income it will be liable for CT. Donations and grants are exempt. PC proposed that PW and CC take responsibility for this, CS seconded.</p>	<p>CC to follow up registered name change</p> <p>Agreed CC to arrange</p> <p>Agreed. PW and CC to register PACT as having charitable objectives.</p>
7	<p>Penrith on a Plate: We will have two gazebos with tables in the Cornmarket. The emphasis will be on Grow Your Own/Community Garden/Give Peas a Chance. Car parking will be free after 11am in Sandgate car park and permits will be available on the stall. CAfS are holding an event the same day and will need the display boards. PC will source others.</p>	<p>PC to source display boards</p>

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8	<p>There was some discussion around Mike Berners- Lee's recent talk in Penrith and how community groups like ours could make a difference. It was agreed that PACT has made significant efforts in trying to bring the community together. PW thought there could be an opportunity for PACT as a campaigning group, and PC remarked that transport and farming were the big hitters in Cumbria and also that we should be targeting younger audiences as they are more receptive and they will be the ones who will suffer the effects of peak oil and climate change. All agreed that this warrants more time to think through future strategy.</p>	
9	<p>Autumn/winter events: Apple Day will be on 13.10.13. CC would like to have a Freegle event. Other possibilities touched upon were bring and share, debates, workshops for skills, jam making day. NJ suggested email sent to him if anyone has other ideas. We need to have a forward programme of events which we can advertise when we are standing at community events.</p>	<p>PD to respond to Acorn Bank re stand.</p> <p>All to think about future events and email NJ with ideas.</p>
10	<p>PC proposed a bring and share event in Nov/ Dec as a launch event for PACT Ltd. PD seconded</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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11	<p>NJ reported that an article had gone into Eden Local this month for the August edition. It was noted that there is a problem with distribution of Eden Local now that Lee has stopped using the Post Office and is relying on volunteers. No one present had received a July issue.</p> <p>CC said he may do a 200 word article for autumn.</p>	
12	<p>PACT has received a request for a letter of support from a group in Appleby hoping to access grant money for setting up a community garden.</p> <p>NJ signed certificate of membership for Judith Carter.</p>	<p>MW to write letter of support.</p> <p>MW to send certificate to Judith</p>

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13	<p>One of Joan Robinson's guerrilla plantings was the subject of much merriment in the press with Ken Hetherington writing a poem about its neglect and subsequent demise. PACT was quoted as being responsible for the blackcurrant bushes in question! The Council responded in rhyme and by donating two new bushes, holding a civic ceremony with silver spade to mark the replanting! Everyone agreed that all publicity is good publicity.</p> <p>Dave Corry (Shap) is looking for money to develop two pieces of woodland for the community - PW thinks this would fit with the Tree Whisperers project and is willing to bid for money on behalf of Dave Corry - however due to the number of grant applications made by Peter Ward this might bar PACT from future grants for a while.....PC offered to explore forestry commission grants, and PW will wait to hear results of this.</p> <p>It was noted that EdenSave Credit Union has now got approval from the FSA (now the FCA) Both CC and PW have done an enormous amount of work for this and will continue to be involved. It must now open for business within three months - so there is a lot of work to do over the coming weeks.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed for 7pm 28.8.13 at Applegarth.</p>	<p>PC to investigate Forestry Commission grants.</p>