

PACT LTD BOARD MEETING 2.10.13 held at Applegarth, Penrith

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Any declarations of interest to be noted for each item on agenda
3. Minutes of last meeting - none circulated? Any kept? Available for signature?
4. Projects Update - ESCO, Tree Whisperers, Freegle, Egg Map
5. Finance Update
6. New member
7. Apple Day
8. Insurance for Joan Robinson's project
9. Display Boards
10. Projector
11. AOB
12. Agree date/venue of next meeting

Present:

Chris Cant (CC); Peter Clarke (PC); Christine Sutherland (CS); Peter Dicken (PD); Peter Ward (PW); Maureen Ward (MW); John Bodger

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	Apologies received from Nigel Jenkins	
2	It was agreed that any declarations of interest would be noted for each item on agenda	
3	No formal minutes had been circulated from last meeting (MW absent) but NJ sent an email to all board members summarising discussions between four members who met in Penrith at the end of August.	
4	<p>PW, CC and PC all declared interest in Sustain Eden Projects. PC Chair CAfS. PW paid worker for Opt4 and trustee CAfS. CC Freegle</p> <p>ESCO: PW and PC declared interest in ESCO. PW reported on progress. Opt4 is beginning its relaunch. They have had a meeting with USwitch who are prepared to train staff/volunteers so that Opt4 can develop a local call centre for switching energy suppliers and can provide a better service for people in Eden. At present Opt4 is using premises at the Foyer for office space. Eden Housing is very positive about helping tenants to switch and they have worked with Opt4 to send letters to all their tenants explaining the benefits of switching.</p> <p>TREE WHISPERERS</p> <p>CS and PW have had a meeting with Dawn Hurton who has rewritten the project as school curriculum has changed with Climate Change no longer featuring. She has had to plot where Climate Change fits into the various subjects, and she is confident that this will be attractive to the schools and will work for the aims of the project. PW had arranged for her to meet with Gareth Thomas and Dave Cory and both are enthusiastic about being part of the project. Dawn has found an opportunity to apply for EEC money earmarked for Communities and may plan a big Community event linked to the project. So far 10 schools are interested in taking part in the project this year and it might kick off towards the end of November.</p> <p>PW reported that related to this project, he has been looking into raising money for Dave Cory's idea of a Community Woodland in Shap. He has sourced money from EDC (deadline 13.12.13)</p> <p>CS pointed out that our website still talks about "Story Giants".</p>	<p>PW agreed to put together an update for the website</p>

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4cont	<p>FREEGLE CC said that there was not anything to report - the "grow your own" section is winding down for this season, and the Egg Map has not really taken off this year. He hopes to work further on this next year</p>	
5	<p>CC reported that equipment hire from CAFS must have insurance cover from now on so it is becoming urgent to purchase our own projector. NJ was investigating this purchase. The old PACT bank account could be closed as Opt4 has its own account now and reports directly to CAFS.</p> <p>There was discussion about applying for charitable status and it was agreed that we should apply using the articles we have and then retrace our steps if these are not suitable. CC agreed to contact Armstrong Watson for advice re Corporation Tax.</p> <p>PW reported that the Credit Union was now open and was permitted to accept business accounts (IPS, charities etc) Advantages are possible dividends, the potential to get more interest, and money is recycled within the community. PW and CC declared an interest in the credit union - CC and PW as voluntary workers and board members. The following resolution was proposed: 1.PACT Ltd wishes to open an account with the Eden Save Credit Union Ltd, and in so doing agree to abide by the social objects, rules, policies and procedures of the credit union. 2. The individual/s representing our organisation have completed all required personal details and agreed to provide identification documents according to the requirements of the credit union. 3. The credit union will rely on the appointed representatives unless it receives written confirmation of changes to representatives. 4. To provide the credit union with a copy of the Registration Certificates and Rules. PD proposed, PC seconded.</p>	<p>NJ to purchase projector</p> <p>PW to talk to CAFS about old PACT account</p> <p>CC to action</p> <p>All agreed</p>
5cont	<p>It was further agreed to stipulate limit of 50% of free balance up to a max of £1000 - minimum at discretion of Treasurer. The new account to have the same signatories as PACT Ltd, and any money paid out is to made out to PACT Ltd</p>	
6	<p>Application from potential new member Malcolm Preston-Green was considered. PW proposed, PC seconded.</p>	<p>All agreed</p>
7	<p>APPLE DAY Our theme this year is preservation and storage. 8am start for setting up.</p>	<p>PC to bring display boards, photos and sand boxes for carrots. PD steam juicer PC heating element PW and MW banners</p>
8	<p>Insurance for Joan Robinson's Poppy Project Due to the very short notice, lack of risk assessment and unclear future responsibilities, it was decided not commit to insuring this project at this time. PACT's insurance will only operate if PACT "owns" the project and it was agreed that we do not have the capacity to take responsibility for this. PC pointed out that he had advised Joan to plant the bed after the council remove the bulbs in the spring as this would give the best chance of success, and ensure that the area looks good for a longer period of the year. However this does not fit with Joan's timescale.</p>	<p>PW to write to Joan R</p>
9	<p>PC has already purchased display boards</p>	

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10	See discussion under 5 above.	
11	<p>Ceilidh on 2nd Nov - Market Hall, Appleby. PD will email poster.</p> <p>Invitation to join regional Co-op. It was agreed not to take this up.</p> <p>PW reported that as Chair of the Penrith Partnership he had been offered a building in Penrith town centre if he could make it viable for community use. Both CAfS and Opt4 need premises (CAfS present building is not ideal) and he may be able to put together a proposal that the Council will accept.</p>	<p>MW to make soup and leave it with PC or PD - also mail out to PACT list</p> <p>CS to take poster to various shops, library, TIC in Penrith</p> <p>PW to ask CU board and also ECO</p> <p>PC to ask ERTrust and CAfS</p> <p>CC to check if on Freegle site</p> <p>PD to contact Naomi at NR</p>
12	<p>Date of next meeting 6.11.13 Venue TBA</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	

Signed as a true record.....