**PACT GET-TOGETHER, Thursday 26th May 2022, 7pm on Zoom**

**AGENDA**

Chair for this meeting: ?

Introductions and apologies

Declarations of financial interest

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising (briefly)

**PACT Admin**

Finance update

Progress re appointment of Community Action Officer

ZCC update and Awayday

Georgina’s role

Support for Malcolm’s workshop at Eden Arts re grant application (see next page for details)

New PACT website?

Proposed series of talks?

**Brief updates**

EV car share scheme – Rich

Local energy course in Lancaster - Rich

Other groups if anything significant to report

**AOB**

**Date of:**

Next monthly meeting

AGM??

**Topic: PACT May Meeting**

Time: May 26, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508084590?pwd=am9TaGdBUkdjTkNheU5nSCtXcUx0dz09>

Meeting ID: 865 0808 4590

Passcode: 732683

Or phone: 0203 901 7895

**Grant request re Malcolm’s Workshop**

I have made an application to Penrith Town Council for a grant to fund my workshops machine tools at Eden Arts, as you are aware the workshop supports the Repair Cafe with both man power and tools on the day.

The workshop doesn't have a constitution or a bank account as we are simply individuals sharing facilities, and therefore no bank account.

Carol Grey has asked if PACT could support us to gain the grant which would be paid to PACT on our behalf. (See below) Could a decision on this be made asap so a response to Carol can start the procedures before PTC is possibly gobbled up by the new administration and funds are no longer available?

Thank you in advance

Malcolm.

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**Sent:** 05 May 2022 14:38  
**To:** Carol Grey <[economicdevelopmentofficer@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopmentofficer@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Grant applications.

 Hello Carol,

My friend Louis Le Glas contacted you for an application form for a council grant, he has passed this on to me to deal with as I said I know you personally, any queries would be easier dealt with directly between you and I.

We are looking for funding from the £1000 limit fund. As you know I do work making planters and other garden furniture to go around the town in conjunction with the community gardeners. I have a small workshop in Eden Arts, Louis and two other people are part of our group, it is impossible to have all 4 working in the workshop at the same time. 95% of all the tools are what I have managed to acquire from Freegle, or purchased 15/20 years ago and are now becoming dangerous to use, others I have been given from friends or left to me by my dear brother.

As we do The Penrith Repair Cafe on a voluntary basis we do not have funds available to replace worn out equipment which we desperately need to make or repair items of a much higher standard than we can presently do. As for the workshop, I feel I can no longer allow members of the public use of the machinery for safety reasons, we do allow anyone who wishes to use the facilities short term for one off projects which they could not do at home.

I note the forms seem to repeat the same or similar questions, I think what I have just wrote above covers what we are about and why we need funding. We require a good table top saw in the range of £400. We also need a planer thicknesser, again around the £400 mark. An osscilating sanding machine at £160, in total £960. Any monies left over if we are able to procure an item at a slightly lower price we would use to buy drill bits or chisels etc.

So Carol, knowing what we are doing and what we want and why, do you think we fulfil the criteria required for to receive such a grant? We do not have a constitution as we are simply people interested in making and repairing items out of wood, we are not even a club, we simply rent the space where we can work whenever we want.

Best regards,

Malcolm Carruthers.

Hi Malcolm, hope you are well, would this application be able to go through PACT, as you do not have a constitution or a bank account for the group?

Kind Regards,

CAROL GREY

Economic Development Officer, PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL