**PACT meeting – Wednesday 19th August 2020**

7.30pm via Zoom

**Present: Directors:** John Bodger (Chair), Christine Sutherland (Secretary),

Philip Sturgess (Treasurer), Chris Cant, Geoff Rockliffe-King,

Malcolm Carruthers

**Members:** Jaki Bell, Nigel Jenkins, Frances Bell, Joan Robinson, Liz Jablonski,

Virginia Taylor

**Non-members:** Julie Stebbings, Richard Waller

**Chair for this evening:** John Bodger

1. **Apologies**

Peter Simpson, Lucy Teather, Cecilia Hewett, Joanne Pattinson

1. **Declarations of interest**

In relation to the Zero Carbon Cumbria project, Jaki and Nigel both work for CAfS and Virginia is Leader of Eden District Council, though no conflicts of interest are anticipated.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed: Proposed by John, seconded by Geoff.

Matters arising:

Updating our mission statement: John and Geoff will discuss this in the light of the ZCC announcement and circulate their suggestion before the AGM.

Power for People: Due to holidays John has not yet discussed this with Sally.

Penrith Town Centre: John and Geoff have continued to join a small group discussing this via Zoom. Next meeting will be September 2nd.

1. **Finance update**

Total PACT funds: £4,446.90 Change since last meeting -£142.50

Gardening fund: £1,963.44 “ -£151.10

Repair Cafe: £24.46

Refill Grant: £12.41

Unallocated funds: £2,546.59 “ +£9.00 (ink cartridges)

Jo Heeley has agreed to prepare our accounts again and Philip will deliver the books to her asap. When the accounts are ready we ask Philip to circulate them to the board for approval before the AGM.

1. **PACT’s role in the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership**

Approval for this £2.5 million project, put together by CAfS, has just been agreed by the National Lottery. Jaki outlined the project for us: It is a partnership of 68 organisations of all types and we are one of 11 main partners who have agreed to run specific projects. PACT and our counterparts in Carlisle and Barrow will be undertaking community action programmes, with the help of a part-time co-ordinator to help us put on more events and engage the public. Further information is available on <https://cafs.org.uk/our-projects/zero-carbon-cumbria-programme/>

The project will start in January 2021. We have agreed to run a variety of local projects during the 5 years – not all at once but with some overlap, though possibly with a theme for each year. Some of the projects that we suggested initially will now be led by other partners. Some of the proposed events or projects – eg repair cafes, car sharing and hitching schemes etc - will be difficult to run while social distancing restrictions are in place so we thought we should focus initially on the strands relating to grow your own, biodiversity and tree planting, including seed swaps, no mow May etc. Some events like climate talks could be run online and Richard offered to help with online seminars.

The project provides funding for a part-time (one-day-a-week-equivalent) co-ordinator – we would not be employing but looking for a self-employed person. Not necessarily the same person for the whole 5 years, possibly different ones for each project. We hope to receive guidance from CAfS on the recruitment process. NB must be a transparent process.

We agreed that a small group of us should try to scope out an outline for the five years to see how it all might fit together, including considering what we need the paid co-ordinator to do. Jaki, Christine, Geoff and Chris (?) agreed to start this process. It might be useful to talk to the Carlisle and Barrow groups about their plans.

The bid refers to a possible Penrith Town Council Green Hub. John will contact Viv Tunnadine to ask whether this is likely to happen.

Virginia said that EDC would support PACT and CAfS by promoting any projects and events in Eden. She hopes we can have a symbiotic relationship. She also mentioned the DEFRA nature recovery pilot project: <https://news.cumbria.gov.uk/News/2018/cumbriaconfirmedaspilottohelprecoverenglandsnature.aspx>

1. **AOB**

Another Way talk on Monday 24th August at 7pm: ocean acidification and hypoxia - Professor John Spicer (University of Plymouth):

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-sour-and-out-of-breath-ocean-prof-john-spicer-talk-tickets-116003185651?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fa-sour-and-out-of-breath-ocean-prof-john-spicer-talk-tickets-116003185651%3Futm-medium%3Ddiscovery%26utm-campaign%3Dsocial%26utm-content%3Dattendeeshare%26utm-source%3Dstrongmail%26utm-term%3Dlisting&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cff89c2bd5acc48b27e2f08d83eb08e8e%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637328275308198901&sdata=fk%2BEIvIeoqzft5jEFSygBzAbxJq6dy2AqXA8JIiIL%2Bs%3D&reserved=0)

1. **Dates for future meetings**

**AGM:** Wednesday October 7th at 7.30pm.

Sub-committee to scope out ZZC project: first week in September?

Directors meeting to discuss accounts and changes to mission statement: tbc if needed

Next informal get-together: tbc

Richard offered the use of his Zoom account for future meetings.