**PACT meeting number 2021-8 – Wednesday 8th September 2021**

7.30pm via Zoom

**Present:**

John Bodger (Chair), Christine Sutherland (Secretary), Philip Sturgess (Treasurer), Frances Bell, Geoff Rockliffe-King, Lucy Teather, Malcolm Carruthers, Richard Waller, Rosie Bradshaw

**1 Apologies**

Ali Ross, Chris Cant, Emma Warner, Jaki Bell, Joan Robinson, Liz Jablonski, Nigel Jenkins, Peter Simpson, Ron Kenyon

**2 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

**3 New member**

We have received an application for membership from Tracey Todhunter who was accepted.

**4 Finance update**

 Balance Change since last meeting

Current total: £9,047.43 -£1,140.85

Gardening fund: £1,947.54 no change

Refill fund: £12.41 no change

Donation from PTC: £108.56 no change

ZCC: £3,623.67 -£944.56

 *(Rosie’s payment for July and Freegle website £347.74)*

ZCC Youth Programme: £962.42 -£197.20 (*Rosie’s payment for July)*

Unallocated: £2,368.37 +£0.91 *(Tracey Todhunter membership)*

Eden Credit Union: Philip will remove our money and add it to our general reserve.

Freegle: We have agreed via email to use some ZCC funds to support Freegle, as discussed last time. We will continue to do this on a case by case basis.

**5 AGM - Friday October 1st**

We agreed to hold our AGM at the Quaker Meeting House, Penrith. We will be able to use the kitchen to make teas and coffees and invite people to bring cake or biscuits.

Format:

7pm: AGM

7.30 approx: Talk from Richard about the effect of climate change on permafrost.

8.30: refreshments and socialising

Invite: EDC sustainability team (Corentin et al) and PTC sustainability officer Kerry Morgan.

NB. John is standing down as Chair at the AGM though not leaving PACT.

**6 Tree planting at Frenchfield and Carleton Park**

John, Rosie and other PACT representatives attended meetings at Carleton and at Frenchfields with representatives of different groups on August 18th. John and Rosie then met via Zoom with Pete Leeson of the Woodland Trust. Notes of these meetings are available.

Pete has offered to provide trees ready for planting at Frenchfield on the first weekend in December. 300 trees (with guards) will be delivered to Hunter Hall School. The tree group will discuss how this is to be organised, with different groups – Hunter Hall pupils, Eden Runners etc – helping with the planting. Craig Lovell who initially offered to source trees for us, has offered members of his organisation to assist.

Pete has obtained permission for us to collect wildflower seeds from Lowther Estates to be planted around some of the new trees. We ask Lucy to contact Frances to see whether she is available for this, and to circulate some possible dates so that one or two more of us can help.

**7 Recruitment and involvement of members**

We agree to spend some of PACT’s non-ZCC funds to employ Rosie to spend some time contacting existing and new or potential members. She will try to find out what they want out of PACT in order to join in and feel involved. What should we offer, what can they offer? She will encourage them to come to the AGM and meet others.

**8 Forthcoming events - September**

Sat 11th – Repair café, Old Fire Station, 10 till 1. Also a stall of donated items of school uniform.

Sat 18th – Daffodil planting 1 till 5 - see below

Sat 18th – Freegle Give & Take event, Old Fire Station, 2 till 4. As Repair café. Malcolm and Emma have offered to help Chris, other offers of help to Chris please.

Sat 25th – Stall at the Bandstand.

Rosie will do publicity. She will liaise with Rich about visual resources re extreme weather – these can be printed at Penrith Posters (eg A3 posters and A5 flyers). COP leaflets and petition as before.

Talk on Zoom

Richard will be happy to do one or more talks in November.

**9 Community Gardeners**

Big Daffodil Planting in Penrith will commence at Penrith Castle with planting Wild Daffodil bulbs along the lower roadside bank. There are 2000 bulbs to plant here.

Saturday 18th September 1-5pm with UCC students and families joining in, continuing on Sunday 11-12pm (if any bulbs are still to plant.) Please come along if you can and plant or help organise. Bring trowel, spade if you want to help plant. This is a PACT community initiative.

The £500 cost of the bulbs has been nearly covered by donations in memory.

**10 Appleby Edibles**

Slow progress – delays by the bank, leading to delays in ordering materials. Appleby Apple Day will be Saturday 23rd Oct.

**11 Forthcoming meetings**

AGM: Friday 1st October at the Quaker Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Penrith, CA11 7TR. 7pm start.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20th October, 7.30pm on Zoom.

Tree Group: either Wednesday 22nd September or 6th October, 7.30pm on Zoom.

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

EDC Eden District Council

PTC Penrith Town Council

UCC Ullswater Community College

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria