**PACT meeting number 2021-9 – Wednesday 20th October 2021**

7.30pm via Zoom

**Present:** Christine Sutherland (Secretary), Geoff Rockliffe-King (Acting Chair), John Bodger, Malcolm Carruthers, Chris Cant, Jaki Bell, Lucy Teather, Nigel Jenkins, Rosie Bradshaw

**1 Apologies**

Emma Warner, Liz Jablonski, Lynn Barnes, Philip Sturgess (Treasurer), Richard Waller, Ron Kenyon

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

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

**PACT ADMIN**

**3 Finance update**

Balance Change since last meeting

Current total: £13,015.84 +£3,968.41

Gardening fund: £2,682.54 +£735.00

*(£100 towards daffodil purchase from PTC, £635 daffodil donations)*

Refill fund: £12.41 no change

Donation from PTC: £108.56 no change

ZCC: £6,208.67 +£2,585.00 *(Q4 payment from CAFS)*

ZCC Youth Programme: £1,699.92 +£737.50 (*Payment from CAFS)*

Unallocated: £2,279.28 -£89.09

*(Quaker meeting hall hire, website subscription, bank charges etc.)*

**4 Press releases etc**

We agreed that in the absence of a Chairman Jaki should contact whoever is most involve with the topic to get quotes. Rosie could be a spokesperson for PACT or find someone else.

**EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS**

**5 ‘Ride the Change’ COP26 Bike Ride**

John, Ron and Christine have made the arrangements for this. The cyclists will arrive in Penrith on Thursday October 28th at the car park at the Quaker Meeting House to collect their bags and have refreshments before going on to their accommodation. There will be a meeting at Christ Church from 8pm where they can meet members of the public. This meeting is being organised by PACT with support from Churches Together in Cumbria.

Christine, John and Ron will liaise to organise publicity and deal with other arrangements.

**6 UCC Duke of Edinburgh Award**

John has been contacted by Samantha Warren at UCC who asks whether their DofE students could join any PACT projects. We suggest they could help with events eg repair cafes and Freegle events. Possibly making a film of these? Maybe they could set up some of these in school as an ongoing contribution. They could also be invited to help with the tree planting.

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

Tree planting at Frenchfield should be on December 4th/5th. The trees have been ordered and are due to arrive at Hunter Hall school a few days beforehand. Rosie is liaising with Corentin at EDC to make sure that all the correct paperwork is done. The Woodland Trust have offered an information stall (Lucy).

The tree group needs to meet to finalise arrangements.

Wild flower seeds have been collected.

If we want a film making Malcolm suggests Rachel who has made films for Cumbria in Bloom.

Rosie is putting up a display in Penrith library about the two sites and tree-planting in general.

**8 Regular events**Repair cafes: More helpers than customers recently but Jaki is setting up some publicity. Themes include repairing Christmas lights and decorations, making Christmas stars. Combined event with Seedy Saturday in March.

Freegle events:

Sat 30th October, Shap. Judith Bradshaw bringing display on waste prevention

Sat 5th February (?) 2022, Newbiggin Village Hall near Penrith

Penrith Town Centre Stall

This Saturday: cancelled

Sat 27th November: Christmas theme. Give and Take for Christmas toys + Eco Christmas.

We agree to continue these stalls next year but need to have an activity each time.

**9 Evening events**

Members Evening: Friday November 26th, Quaker Meeting House and on Zoom. Short updates from a number of different members including Lynn Barnes (Vista Veg) and update on ZCC, repair cafes, Freegle events.

Series of talks: Rich has offered talks about electric cars, the science of climate change and clean technologies for the home. Rosie has ideas for three more talks so we could have one a month for 6 months starting in January. Again at the Meeting House and on Zoom on Friday evenings?

**OTHER NEWS**

**10 Community Gardeners**

’Penrith Town and Community’ won awards in RHS Britain in Bloom for:

\* Cultivating Your Community - strengthening links between diverse groups and enabling more people to enjoy the benefits of growing

\* Nourishing Your Community - using food growing as a tool to support communities and bring people together

The panel considered 118 entries that demonstrated a dedication to transform, connect and support communities through the power of horticulture.

**11 Appleby**

Appleby Apple Day will be Saturday 23rd October.

There will be events at Appleby Railway Station and Heritage Centre on Saturday 18th December.

**12 AOB**

We agree that our website should continue to host an information page for Cumbria Organic Gardeners and Farmers.

**12 Forthcoming meetings**

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th November, 7.30pm on Zoom.

Special Meeting to discuss how we structure our meetings:

Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th December at Geoff’s, 7.30pm.

Tree Group: TBA

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

EDC Eden District Council

PTC Penrith Town Council

UCC Ullswater Community College

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria