**PACT meeting number 2021-5 – Tuesday 1st June 2021**

7.30pm via Zoom

**Present:**

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

Geoff Rockliffe-King, Lucy Teather, Malcolm Carruthers, Richard Waller

**Members:** Ali Ross, Chris Cant, Jaki Bell, Liz Jablonski, Nigel Jenkins

**Non-members:** Rosie Bradshaw (Community Action Officer), John Forbes (ZCC)

**1 Apologies**

Emma Warner, Julie Stebbings, Lynn Barnes, Peter Simpson, Philip Sturgess (Treasurer), Virginia Taylor

**2 Declarations of financial interest**

None declared.

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

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

John B has ordered 10 adult size litter pickers. He will order the hi-vis jackets from Lakeland embroidery, approximately £12 each. We agreed to use our current logo on these and consider rebranding when we launch the new website.

**4 PACT Admin**

**a) Membership**

- John Fletcher (Lazonby) has applied for membership and we accept his application.

- John B suggests that we amend our membership charge to a yearly fee, perhaps £10. We will discuss this at a future meeting. When we set up our new website there could be a members-only section.

**b) Finance update**

Current total: £8,364.80 -£574.58

Gardening fund: £2,614.18

Repair café fund: £24.46

Refill fund: £12.41

Zero Carbon Cumbria fund: £2,534.01 -£583.99

(Advertising for Rosie’s post and her payment for April)

Donation from Penrith Town Council: £533.00

Unallocated: £2,429.74 +£9.41

**5 2021 year plan**

Geoff took us through the year plan. This includes activities we have agreed to do as part of ZCC and others we would be doing anyway. There are three sections – Board + CAO, members and public/community engagement, with a lot of possible activities listed. We cannot do them all, we need to prioritise. We will repeat the exercise in November for 2022.

Hours - We should all log our volunteer hours and sent them to Rosie. Rosie will send a form which might be useful.

Outcomes – we need to consider what success looks like for us? What outcomes would we be happy with?

Learning and advocacy

Town centre stall – Agreed to try this on June 26th and then monthly. Let John B know if you can help. Rosie is trying to contact PTC/EDC for permission. Rolling programme, a theme for each time plus general ongoing info. Eg Refill scheme, peat, outreach re COP-26. Maybe share with other groups eg Green party. Christine has the PACT gazebo, tables and notice boards.

Talks – Rich has just done one for CAfS on behalf of PACT which would count. Happy to do talks on topics such as Low Carbon Transport.

Youth work – Rosie has been appointed to help with the youth work elements of ZCC, in addition to her work for us. Once activities in Cumbria have been set up we can see how we can contribute. Rich has offered to help.

Town hub – no progress yet, we are waiting for PTC to choose a site. John B will contact the new mayor, Charlie Shepherd.

Food and Environment

Community Gardening – continuing very successfully.

‘Acorn Farm’ home food growing project (Belfast) – Rosie is getting information. She has discussed this with groups in Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh who are also interested.

Tree planting – The Woodland Trust are back in action but we are warned that they will sell out quickly. ‘Treebilee’ – new project for the Queen’s jubilee – everyone encouraged to plant trees. Also we should encourage tree preservation – better to keep mature trees rather than plant new ones. Ali is working on this re EDC planning.

Peat – a possible topic for the monthly stall. We should do a survey of local garden centres to see whether they sell peat-free compost and whether they promote it.

Renewable energy

Electric vehicles – we could help with education but need to tie in with CAfS work not duplicate.

Cycleways – new project starting which we could link into once it starts.

Community energy projects – support others, not try to set anything up ourselves.

Waste and consumption

Repair cafes – Sally now possibly too busy - Chris, Malcolm and Trevor will liaise. Possibly an outdoor one in the old fire station car park. More gazebos would be needed – we could buy some but better to borrow if we can. Amey? Also have a small repair element at the monthly market stall.

Freegle events – difficult to make Covid-safe. Possibly in a carpark eg Newbiggin Village Hall.

**6 AOB**

Projects for students – Rich has students at Keele who need to work on sustainability projects. Can we find anything for them?

Recent ‘Thinking places’ event – a very disappointing, superficial exercise and a waste of money. EDC and PTC were represented but very few members of the public.

Community Greening Project – Ali – EDC for Eden Parish Councils re community sustainability initiatives.

**7 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 1st July, 7.30pm. In Geoff’s garden, weather permitting! Possibly also on Zoom.

Further focus on our programme of events.

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

EDC Eden District Council

PTC Penrith Town Council

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria