

**Pairc Trust**  
**AGM: Thursday 15th November 2018, 7.30pm Pairc School**  
**Chairman's Report**

**Angus McDowall summarised the key activities that have taken place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

**April 2017:** Pairc Trust attended the HIE Strengthening Communities conference as an Account Managed organisation.

**May 2017:** The results from a survey on the GP Surgery was published following an open meeting held on 23.03.17.

**June 2017:** Improvements to 2 walking routes in the area began, at Cromore and Orinsay.

**July 2017:** Pairc trust was involved in the 'Making the Most of Masters programme' and hosted 2 students looking into archaeology and tourism in Pairc.

**September 2017:** PT secured sponsorship funding for 3 extra defibrillator machines begin installed across Pairc. Discussions began, after an HIE recommendation, to adopt a new modernised constitution. The original constitution was written in 2003 and the law has changed since then, partly due to events during the Pairc buyout process.

**October 2017:** PT became Involved in discussions with Community Energy Scotland and other land trusts on the potential for Combined Community Energy Scheme. A first draft of a book about the Pairc Trust buyout was presented to the board.

**November 2017:** PT Signed up to and began feeding into a new Deer Management Plan for Lewis & Harris. The picnic area at Orinsay and the walkway improvements to Steimreway and at Cromore were finished, an interpretation board was installed at both sites.

**December 2017:** A new lease was agreed with Marine Harvest for fresh water extraction at Lemreway.

**January 2018:** PTs Estate Office Manager role began, MCWFT partly funded these staffing and office costs. A programme of Healthwalks began in Pairc, in collaboration with NHS Western Isles and health charity Paths for All. An enquiry was received from the charity regulator OSCR and PT provided all the information required for its investigation well within the deadline.

**February 2018:** PT identified 5 potential affordable housing house-sites in Pairc and CNES visited to help feed the information into an HHP feasibility study process.

**March 2018:** Negotiations on a freshwater lease with Scottish Salmon continued. Work began to help the Crofting Commission and Grazing Committees map 3 of the common grazings in Pairc. Consultation took place on the Lewis & Harris Deer Management Plan leading to the plan being adopted across the island.

## **To Update on Recent Developments: April 2018 to present day**

**April 2018:** HIE was approached about partly funding a feasibility study looking into the piers in Pairc.

**May 2018:** PT organised for 1 of the broken village noticeboards to be replaced, funded by Councillor ward funds.

**June 2018:** PT was removed from the Combined Communities Energy Scheme plans as Pairc is out-with the eligible area. All Directors undertook a Board Governance Health-check, delivered by Impact Hub Inverness and funded by HIE – the board was given a clean bill of health and HIE are satisfied with the processes in place. Croft Rents for 2018 were issued. PT applied to the Scottish Community Landfill Fund for replacement Pairc estate signs that advertise our community owned status, but the funding was declined.

**July 2018:** PT advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland web portal, for a company to perform a Piers Feasibility Study, 90% funded by HIE. PT was invited to apply to Local Energy Scotland's CARES Innovation fund for a feasibility study into a Pump Storage Scheme on the estate.

**August 2018:** PT advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland web portal for a company to perform a Pump Storage Scheme feasibility study. PT investigated use of the Habost Industrial units, for conversion to Holiday accommodation. An application was made to Outer Hebrides LEADER for funding towards the Gravir Housing project. The Piers Feasibility Study procurement took place via a panel of PT directors.

**September 2018:** A panel of PT directors undertook a procurement process to appoint consultants for the Pump Storage Feasibility work. The 1<sup>st</sup> Macmillan Friendly healthwalk for the Western Isles began in Pairc.

**October 2018:** Funding was awarded from the CARES Innovation fund for 100% of the feasibility study costs.

**November 2018:** PT AGM held.