

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER
2010 AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M. MacRae (Chair) J. MacKenna (Vice Chair)
G. Glasgow J. Storie
K. Leiper G.R. Webster
J.D.F. MacDonald G. James (Sec/Treas)
I. Matheson C. Will (Crofters' Rep)
Cllr. I. Campbell
2 Members of Kyle Police

1 Resident

APOLOGIES were received from M. MacKenzie, and from Sarah Bowyer, Well North, who had hoped to attend the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were proposed and seconded by J. MacDonald and K. Leiper, respectively.

- a) Police Matters - The police confirmed that as yet they had been unable to identify those responsible for removing the car aerials.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at being unable to obtain feedback on the outcome of the case relating to the theft of charity money from the seal trip boat, this having been refused on Data Protection grounds. He had been informed that only the victim of the crime would be entitled to such information.

Matthew O'Neill, British Transport Police, wished to assure the CC of the value of the input provided by the BTP in relation to such things as the litter problem on Plockton Station, the importance of track safety, etc. With regard to such matters he intended to visit Plockton High School to deliver talks on the subject and it was agreed to invite him to attend a future CC meeting.

- b) Roads Dept. – Cllr. Campbell reported no progress as yet on the Station Rd. need for resurfacing, but would continue to follow it up.

The much-needed re-surfacing work to make good the potholes in the area at the corner of Harbour St. and on the road behind the Public Toilets was again highlighted. *Chairman to follow up.*

The Duirinish sign has still not been replaced.

- c) Plockton Railway Station – A seat for waiting passengers had now been provided.

- d) Village Play Area – There had still been no correspondence received from I. Jackson, HC Education Officer regarding this proposal for a village play area to be situated on the green area adjacent to the school.. In the meantime, however, a letter had been received from Susan MacNeil, Plockton Primary School Co-ordinator on behalf of the School Playground Sub-Committee who have investigated the possibility of erecting playground equipment on this area., the overall cost of the suggested equipment being approx. £3500. The timetable for this project is for it to be in place by April 2011. A request for funding assistance was put to the CC, and this would be considered.

It was agreed to write to the school in relation to the ongoing correspondence with Mr. Jackson, who had agreed to visit the site and discuss the possibility of a Village Play Area on the site, a meeting which had still not taken place, and also to ascertain if the school proposal would provide a facility for general use.

- e) Loch Lundie – The Chairman had still been unable to obtain any feedback from Scottish Water on the future of Loch Lundie, but had heard from Phil di Duca of the Forestry who confirmed that SW had informed him of their intention to make bore holes. The CC questioned the purpose of this and also of the entire proposition, the general feeling being that this whole project was an entire waste of money.
- f) Housing – The Roads Dept. had still not confirmed a date for the requested meeting with members of the CC and the Housing Asscn. to discuss the various outstanding matters relating to the Burnside development, the safety issues relating to the railway bridge being of paramount importance, together with the lighting of the area, and various other matters.
- g) Plockton Pontoon Ownership – A reply from the solicitors was still awaited in order to complete the transfer of ownership from the CC to the Harbours CIC.
- h) Sgeir Buidhe and 12 Harbour St. – The CC agreed to comment on these two Planning Applications when they were received from the Planning Dept. In neither case, however, have they yet been received.
- i) Public Catalogue Foundation - The Catalogue Funding Co-ordinator had been in touch with the Chairman in an effort to allay the CC's fears relating to the Hall paintings being advertised in a countrywide publication, but it was agreed that the original decision not to have an entry in this publication should stand.
- j) Proposed Car Park Project Funding – The Harbours CIC are progressing this project, The NTS has now submitted a Planning Application for change of use for the garage to become an NTS Information Point. Although the Harbours were unaware of this Application being made, this does not affect the draft plans.

The Harbours CIC have still not received confirmation that the HC will be taking over the renovation of the Public Toilets as hoped. *Chairman to contact Neil Gillies HC Head of Tech Services.*

- k) Disposal of Cardboard Boxes/Bin Collections – The problem of the disposal of cardboard boxes has still not been resolved. Considerable concern was expressed at the trial being carried out alternating green and blue bin collections on a fortnightly basis, particularly should this be applied to retail food outlets, the summer season being a major worry. It was agreed to write to Neil Gillies voicing concerns. It was felt that a blue bin collection every two weeks in the case of households was practical but that green bins should revert to every week.
- l) Bonfire Night – Many thanks were expressed to Plockton Bowling Club for running this successful event, a profit of £1300 being realized with 10% being donated to the Club's funds. Appreciation was also recorded to Ewen Cameron and all those who helped with the bonfire and all the organizations for their donations.
- m) Duirinish Hanging Baskets – The acquiring of lamp post brackets is being progressed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Notification that the adopted West Highland and Islands Local Plan has now been published.
- b) Lynne Metcalfe thanked the CC for its letter of appreciation for her work. The sum of £1140 had been spent on village maintenance during the season.
- c) Linda Sandy on behalf of Friends of Dr. MacKinnon Memorial Hospital requesting a donation towards the much needed refurbishment of Broadford Hospital. It was agreed to donate £150 towards this project.
- d) Moira Newsome Linnington kindly updated the CC on the proposal for a retirement home on the Brae, confirming that these plans were presently on hold.

3. AOB

- a) It was hoped that the overgrown greenery edging the car park could be cut down.

4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CC will be held on Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

