

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY,
20 JUNE, 2011 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M..MacRae (Chair) G.R. Webster
G. Glasgow G. James (Sec/Treas)
K. Leiper C. Will (Crofters' Representative)
J.D.F. MacDonald Cllr. A. Sinclair
Sgt. S. Hunter (Kyle Constab.)
Constable G. Tucker.

1 Resident

APOLOGIES were received from J. MacKenna, M. MacKenzie, I. Matheson and
J. Storie.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – The Chairman commenced his report by thanking
the Council and local Highland Councillors for their support during the past year
and then outlined the year's business
2. TREASURER'S REPORT - The Financial Statements for the Treasurer's,
Fireworks and Special Projects Accounts were presented to the meeting, and
proposed and seconded by G.R. Webster and G. Glasgow, respectively.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Item 2(f) - "The sale of the church" should read "The possible sale of the
church". The Minutes of the last meeting were subsequently proposed and
seconded by G. Glasgow and J. MacDonald, respectively.

Matters arising

- a) Well North – Kally Leiper was progressing this project and attending a meeting
this Thursday.
- b) Police Matters –

Thanks were recorded to Dave Charnley for repairing the Village Notice Board
which had been vandalised.

The shed on Plockton High School playing field had been broken into,.

The Chairman had contacted Dick Johnson, the Local Community Service officer to ascertain the possibility of work in the village being carried out from this source, and had identified cutting down of whins, etc. It was hoped this would be followed up.

Sgt. Hunter informed the meeting that forged bank notes were being circulated.

- c) Roads Dept. – Although progress has been made on roads in the area, disappointment was expressed at the standard of the work being carried out. There had still been no progress made with roadworks at Duirinish. *Chairman to follow up.*
- d) Ward Forum – Cllr. Sinclair had attended the last meeting which had been in two parts, i.e. an update on the new Community Care Plan outlining the future roles of the NHS and HC, and plans for winter maintenance. *The delay in clearing the village roads last winter was noted.*
- e) Village Play Area – No reply as yet has been received from the NTS.
- f) Housing – No progress had been made on the safety and signage issues relating to Burnside. With regard to signage, Gordon MacDonald, HC Chief Engineer, had stated there was no funding available at present.
- g) Streetlighting – The HC Streetlighting Dept. had been looking at the Burnside lighting requirements and L&SHA would be approached for funding assistance. *CC to action.*
- h) Planning Applications – The Chairman expressed disappointment at the passing of the plans for 12 Harbour St, particularly noting the absence of any reservations being given by the Roads Dept, following the CC's previously stated concerns.

A Planning Application had been submitted retrospectively for the conversion of part of a stone building in Bank St. to a mast store.
- i) Car Park Public Toilets – John Leiper, Secretary of Plockton Harbour CIC is still awaiting information on progress from the HC and also from Zurich International re insurance.
- j) Plockton Library – The future of this facility still remains unresolved.
- k) Possible Skip Compound – No reply has yet been received from N. Gillies, HC Dir. of Tech. Services and it was agreed to write to him again on the matter.

- l) Raw Sewage, Obaduine – This problem was preventing the launching of kayaks in that area of the loch.
- m) Installation of New Water Pipe – Plockton-Achmore – The proposed starting date is mid-July and road closures are expected. Joanna Peebles of Scottish Water was hoping to meet with Achmore CC to clarify the programme.
- n) Possible Sale of Plockton Church of Scotland – It was still hoped that this problem could be resolved by alternative funding, and the matter was therefore ongoing.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Jan Storie expressed her concerns over the problems encountered with parking in the village and Harbour St. in particular. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next CC meeting.. The matter of Sunday sailing was also raised and this will also be taken up at the next meeting.
- b) The Hearing Resource Centre in Portree had provided monthly clinic dates for the rest of the year. The Chairman had suggested that it would be useful to have such a clinic in Kyle.
- c) The owners of Duncraig Castle had provided an outline of their proposed plans, comprising the building of two houses for staff to be built in the area on the way to Duncraig railway station, and also the re-siting of the road down to the Castle.

5. AOB

- a) The lack of a street-sweeping service was noted. *Chairman to action.*
- b) It was agreed that action should be taken in the form of signage to prevent camper vans coming through the village and up to Frithard where turning presented a major problem. Arrangements would be made to have an appropriate sign in the car park area. *Chairman to action.*

6. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday, 5 September, 2011, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

