

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 2 JULY 2012 at
7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M.MacRae (Chair) J. Storie
J. Sanderson (Vice Chair) G. James (Sec/Treas)
M. Jones C. Will (Crofters' Rep)
M. MacKenzie Sgt. S. Hunter (Kyle Constab.)
I. Matheson Const. G. Harper (Kyle Constab.)

APOLOGIES were received from J. MacKenna and Cllr. A. Sinclair.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting were proposed and seconded by M. Jones and I. Matheson, respectively.

- a) Police Matters – Three abandoned cars still remain at Ceann an Uib which the police will report to the HC for them to place stickers on requesting their removal.

The continuing concern about the road safety issues relating to the Burnside area were discussed and the planned imposition of a 20 mph speed limit together with improved signage and streetlighting in the area. The police offered to visit the schools to talk to the pupils on safety matters. (Regarding possible funding from Safer Routes to School, Plockton Primary School, in conjunction with Gordon MacDonald, HC Roads Dept., had agreed to make the appropriate application)

It was noted that dog fouling was a chargeable offence and it was felt that further steps should be taken to eradicate this problem with additional bag dispenser, more warning signs, etc. being put in place. Chairman to action.

- b) Plockton Play Area – A meeting of the Committee had been held on 25 June when outline plans regarding the site, surface and possible equipment were discussed, and would be furthered by Lauren and Alex Glasgow drawing up a rough design, including specific products, the results of which would be discussed at their next meeting.

The CC had agreed to submit the completed Planning Application to the HC, which would be presented, before finalising, at a subsequent CC meeting when interested parties, i.e. neighbours, etc. would be able to provide input and views on the project prior to its submission to the Planning Dept. The item would be noted on the CC Agenda placed on village notice boards.

- c) Burnside Housing Development – The Chairman had met with the Chair of the Primary School Board who confirmed that they would be submitting the application for funding to the Safer Routes to School.
- d) Roads Dept. – Improvements had been made to the Plockton/Balmacara Rd., but problems still remained with Station Rd. and Harbour St. potholes and general surfacing.
- e) Public Toilets – These were now open and a cleaning facility in place.
- f) Plockton Railway Station – PC Matt O’Neill, British Transport Police, had visited the High School, spoken to the pupils requesting volunteers to form a committee with a view to the school “adopting” the station. He received an excellent response, as a result of which a sub-committee had been formed with a view to the work being commenced after the summer holidays. Funding will be available from Scotrail for plants, etc. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that a shelter for the seat on the platform could not be provided for passengers.
- g) Septic Tank – The Chairman had been informed that a septic tank would be installed on the Rhu property by this autumn.
- h) Village Seats and Tables – A list of replacements, repairs, etc. had been drawn up, the Chairman suggesting that the CC should apply to the HC Discretionary Budget for funding.
- i) New Fish Farm South of Airigh-Drishaig – The Chairman had raised the CC’s concern with the HC Planning Dept. at the lack of consultation regarding this project and had received a reply from Malcolm MacLeod, Head of Planning, to the effect that he was unable to respond to points and questions raised but they would be taken into account when the application was assessed.

As the timing of the Planning Application had been extended, June Sanderson, on behalf of the CC, agreed to write to the Aquaculture Development Officer, James Bromham, who was handling the Application, reiterating the CC’s concerns re the lack of prominent advertising for the project and the obvious conflicts with local interests, i.e. local fishermen being displaced from long-worked grounds, the loss of safe anchorages, etc. It was noted that should there be 5 or more objections to the plans, then this would have to be passed on to the HC Planning Dept.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Michael and Gill Coe, Nessun Dorma, had provided copy correspondence sent to Scottish Water expressing their ongoing concern at the lack of progress to rectify the regular blocking of the sewer adjacent to their Plockton Station Bunkhouse property which had been ongoing to two years since the erection of the Burnside housing. It was felt this was a totally unacceptable situation and the Chairman had contacted Joanna Peebles of Scottish Water who had confirmed that a solution will be progressed and that she will keep the CC informed.
- b) The title deed for the new pontoon has not been received and is still in the hands of the Land Register, but it is hoped that it will soon be received.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday, 10 September, 2012, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.