

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER,  
2012 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M.MacRae (Chair) J. Storie  
J. MacKenna (Vice Chair) G. James (Sec/Treas)  
J. Sanderson (Vice Chair)  
M. Jones Cllr. A. Sinclair  
M. MacKenzie Const. B. Harper  
2 Residents

APOLOGIES were received from Catherine Will (Crofters' Rep)

*The Chairman welcomed the Secretary back following her operation.*

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by J. Sanderson and M. Jones, respectively. Item 1) in Any Other Business should have read "The water pipe (not field drain) at Ard a'Mhorair..."

Matters arising :

- a) Police Matters – It had been reported that a Poppy collection tin had been stolen from the front bar of the Plockton Inn. There was no further progress to report on the recent robberies in the village.

A letter had been received from the HC S&L Roads Engineer outlining proposals to alter speed limits in Plockton as follows :-

- The existing part-time 20 mph limit adjacent to Plockton Primary School would be extended to the remainder of the village North of the school.
- The existing 30 mph speed limit into the village would be extended to encompass Burnside, culminating at the Primary School.
- The present 20 mph part-time speed limit adjacent to Plockton High School would remain.

After discussion the CC agreed with all the proposals apart from the part-time 20 mph adjacent to the High School, which it was felt should be extended to a permanent one, as the problem did not exist solely during school arriving/leaving times. The Roads Engineer would be updated to this effect.

- b) Plockton Play Area - At a recent meeting of the sub-committee, attended by Joy MacKenna and 6 parents, the need to further the submission of a planning application was discussed. It was agreed to contact Iain Turnbull, NTS, as to whether it was necessary for them to draw up a lease prior to submission.
- c) Burnside – The road/signage work in this area is ongoing.
- d) Station Road – Following the Chairman’s contact with Mary Scanlon MSP who had subsequently been in contact with Scotrail, they had agreed to carry out some work to Station Road.
- e) Skips - Mary Scanlon MSP had written to Neil Gillies, HC Environmental Services requesting the reinstatement of a village skip service, and had been informed this was not an option at the moment but the HC is to undertake a review of its Waste Management Strategy in the light of the new Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

Concern was expressed at the problem of fly-tipping in the area and it was very much hoped that the waste management problems would be resolved.

- f) Peggy Moore’s Bequest - It was agreed that the proposed seat to be purchased from the bequest would be inscribed with the words “In Memory of Peggy Moore 16.2.26. – 15.5.11. Peggy Loved Plockton”.
- g) Roads – The Chairman had had a meeting with Sandy MacVarish, Roads Dept., when the following matters were highlighted for attention :

Station Road and Harbour Street repairs; Strathie Bridge (no funding available but it was hoped the problem relating to the manhole could be dealt with); proposed play area (willing to look at drainage problem); abandoned cars at Ceann an Uib; re-siting, etc. of signs in Burnside area (will be progressed); steep sides on Plockton/Duirinish and Achmore roads (to be dealt with in the next few months); parking area adjacent to grassy area by Plockton Craft Shop (possibly to be used for coach parking only); dog fouling signs (ordered); Duirinish road sign (to be looked into); harbour wall stones and culvert clearing (to be looked into).

- h) Church of Scotland Glebe – No further information on the possible sale.
- i) Scottish Water – Morrison Construction are due to commence work on a new water pipe from the Village Hall along Cooper Street and onto Ard a’Mhorair. Monday, 3 December . It was hoped that the work on Ard a’Mhorair could incorporate improvement in the drainage of that area. The work is expected to

last for 6 weeks with a 2 week Christmas break. Residents will be kept informed of any disruption of water supply.

- j) Loch Achnahenich – Scottish Water confirmed that there is no problem with dogs swimming in the loch.
- k) Strome ferry Bypass – A meeting will be held in Strathcarron Hotel on 4 December to discuss this project. Iain Matheson will represent the CC.

## 2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Copy of a questionnaire relative to Strome ferry Bypass had been received from Rhoda Grant MSP for completion.
- b) The CC expressed its thanks to Plockton Horticultural Society, together with Ewan Cameron and helpers and the Plockton Inn for their input into the success of the Bonfire Night event which raised the sum of £1019. Many thanks also to all those organizations who gave donations towards the fireworks. A meeting was being held this week with a view to forming a permanent committee to run this event in the future.
- c) Local concerns were being raised as to the future of the Church of Scotland, with particular emphasis on the situation regarding the graveyard. *The Chairman was following this up and subsequently a letter has been received from David Robertson, Secretary and Clerk to the Church of Scotland General Trustees in Edinburgh confirming that the Law Department Solicitor dealing with the sale of the church and churchyard is currently in discussion with the Kirk Sessions. As a result consideration is being given to retaining perhaps a pathway round the building or any area where there are no known graves, and once it is known what the church is being sold for, then the possibility of handing over the remainder of the churchyard to the Local Authority would be progressed.*

It was agreed that the CC would write to the Church of Scotland General Trustees expressing the hope that the building would remain a church, and that the graveyard would not be included in the sale.

- d) The HC was setting up a £1m community challenge fund to be launched in December aimed at CC's who want funding to pay for work such as grass cutting, general maintenance, etc.

- 3) AOB
- a) Concerns had been raised regarding the building works presently taking place on Rhu. The area had become increasingly muddy and it was thought there was a possibility that there was a damaged drain. CC would write to HC Planning Dept. for reassurance that this area would be made good.
  - b) Duirinish matters in need of attention – Potholes at Barleyport; culverts in need of clearing; replacement road sign.
  - c) The speed at which vehicles travel at the corner on the Northside of Duirinish constituted a danger and it was hoped that some traffic slowing method could be put in place.
  - d) It was suggested that a village Christmas tree should be placed outside the Hall.

#### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.**

**Following meetings as follows : Mondays, 11 March; 22 April; AGM 3 June; 2 September, and Tuesdays 15 October; 26 November.**

Gill James  
Secretary