

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL – MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mary Jane Campbell
Morag Mackenzie
Alex Townend
Thomas Maclennan
Ewan Cameron

Tristan Southall
David Skilling (Sec)

Cllr Audrey Sinclair (Highland Council)

1. APOLOGIES

Alexander Mackenzie, Catherine Will and Iain Turnbull

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Morag Mackenzie and seconded by Tristan Southall.

a) Roads – A response had been received from Highland Council clarifying that work to raise the speed bumps would be taking place at the end of February. Highland Council also hope to undertake work to drop kerbs in two or three areas for wheelchair access in the village by the end of March.

- Follow up with Highland Council on suggestion for sign warning of 'oncoming traffic in the middle of the road. *Action DS*

b) Duirinish Bridge – Following a recent accident on the bridge it was agreed that a site meeting would be sought with Highland Council to discuss repair and mitigation measures. *Action DS*

c) Painting of No.14 Harbour Street – It was agreed that this would be raised with the Council again. *Action DS*

d) Lochalsh Sports Assoc – As noted in previous minutes the Lochalsh Sports Assoc is likely to disband due to lack of funds. June Sanderson is to be asked to attend the next meeting of the Community Council to discuss this. *Action MJ*

e) Request for glass recycling bins to be placed at Duirinish quarry. *Action DS*

f) Request for bushes to be trimmed on Frithard rd. *Action: MJ to check and follow up.*

g) Police Matters – Police were in attendance and raised the issue of the planned closure of the control room in Inverness with calls now being diverted to Dundee. Concerns were raised around how this would affect response rates and local knowledge and it was agreed that the Community Council would write to Police Scotland to seek clarification on this. *Action MJ*

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Forest Enterprise Scotland outlining their Forest Development plan for South Strome and Balmacara. To be made available for people to view.
- b) Round Robin correspondence from Rhoda Grant MSP highlighting issues around the Strome Ferry bypass. Cllr Sinclair confirmed options were still undergoing an economic impact assessment.

4. AOB

- a) Kyle Development Trust – There was a further discussion about the Kyle Development Trust and in particular that it had been set up covering Kyle and the wider Lochalsh area. It was agreed that we should contact the Development Officer to seek further information. *Action: Tristan Southall*
- b) Cllr Sinclair updated the Community Council on planning matters and noted that we should be getting informed of planning applications. It was agreed that we would register to receive these notifications and would add this as a standing agenda item. *Action DS*
- c) It was also agreed that there would be a Finance item added to the agenda and there was a change of signatories for the Community Council Bank Account. New signatories noted as: Alexander Mark Townend, Mary Jane Campbell and Thomas Maclennan.
- d) Skips for the village clean-up will need to be arranged with the Council. Three skips for Plockton, one for Duirinish and one for Drumbuie. *Action DS*
- e) There was a discussion about the changes to the Plockton website to split the community element from the accommodation etc. Agreed that we need to check who will be responsible for the community website going forward. *Action MJ*

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 14 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Plockton Village Hall.

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