

# Minutes of Plockton and District Community Council Meeting

## 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Present:

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Morag Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie, Alex Townend, Thomas MacLennan, Ewan Cameron, Audrey Sinclair (H.C), Catherine Will (Crofting Representative), Donald Morrison (Police)

### Minutes of Last Meeting

Adopted (Proposed by MJC, seconded by MM)

### Update On Actions

MJ spoke to Gordon Macdonald who assured her that the road at Erbusaig would be done by Xmas. No date for Duirinish bridge as yet.

Work to road on Harbour St in Plockton noted. Work to make the speed bumps at Plockton Bridge effective has been 'actioned' and should happen when resources become available.

Cattle grid at Burnside, Plockton is very noisy and needs to be looked at. Rubber can be fitted to the underside to dampen the noise. Whins on the straight between Plockton and Duirinish need to be cut. Also whins on Wee Strathie. **ACTION** A.T will contact Brendan Henry to do work on the cattle grid and the whins

Digital Speed limit sign at Plockton Primary school has been repaired

Plockton website noted as coming on and looking good. Thanks to Martin Allan for his work.

Grass cutting – A discussion over costs and how we manage it. Suggestion that over the winter we get quotes from a few gardeners. The quote will be for maintenance of the grass for 6 cuts over the summer. The idea for saving money this year by having fewer cuts has not worked as the longer grass has taken much longer to cut and has cost more than last year.

MJ spoke about the letter received from Roddy Rankin for disabled access to the church. MJ will write a letter of support.

MJ has written a letter in opposition to Bank of Scotland's planned closure of their branches at Broadford and Lochcarron.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of September is date set for repair of the visitor centre in Plockton and also date for moving of old signs at end of car park next to the garden of no 43 harbour street Plockton. There is no plan for renewal of the sign at the open air church which has been vandalised several times in the past.

AT mentioned that the phone box at the high school has had a notice put in it which states that within 42 days of the 14<sup>th</sup> of August the phone box will be removed. We have to contact Robby Bain at the council if we want to keep it.  
**ACTION** - DS to contact

Discussion about what we want to put on the new website. Contacting other community groups to ask if they want to put a page or link on the site etc. No action on this yet as the website isn't ready

## **AOCB**

Report from Donald Morrison – Police.  
DM checked records before the meeting. Nothing major to report in Plockton in the last 3 months. Traffic issues were discussed. Caravans in car park was raised but DM advised that the no overnight parking is advisory only – can't be enforced. DM said that this has been the busiest summer for tourist numbers ever seen by the Police

Report from Audrey Sinclair - Council  
EU funding drying up. Council waiting for updates on this. Any applications after August 2015 are doubtful at the moment. AS saying that there is no clear information on this from higher up. General Meeting of Community Councils in ward 6 has been cancelled. 27<sup>th</sup> of October has been forward as potential day for this.

Kinlochshiel win noted by the Community Council. Congratulations to the players and all involved in making the team so successful.

Fireworks AS - New regulations coming in in 2017. We will need to apply for a licence to have any fireworks event. We will need to look into a licence for the Hogmanay display. MJ will look into a license

AT noted that Lenny's tree may be too close to the bonfire site. Action for TM and EC to look into shifting the tree.

Digital Highland – Training offered for any members of the Community Council and general public to get free training from the council in Computing.

TS previously mentioned a Community Council leaflet to go through the doors of houses in the area. Mary Jane has done a leaflet which all approved of. MJ will look into distributing this.

AS asked about what had happened with regard the PSBSC and the house at Rhu. CW said that Austin Boyle had the National Trust surveyor out to give him exact lines for his fencing. The fence poles were put in but someone has removed them. AM mentioned that the PSBSC has a new committee and they will discuss the issue of boats on common grazing at first meeting.

AM asked about Austin's new septic tank on NTS land. Crofters meeting upcoming where this will be discussed.

***Future meetings:***

10<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> December.