

Minutes of Plockton & district Community Council meeting on 1st May 2017

Present:

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Tristan Southall, Morag Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie (minutes), Alex Townend, Audrey Sinclair, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative).

Public:

Jane Mackenzie, Lynn Bruce, Anna Rowe

Apologies:

David Skilling, Ewen Cameron

MINUTES OF 13TH MARCH 2017

Adopted

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Grave Stones in church:

We have not heard back from the council on this yet. Action MJ to contact council again.

Phone Box at Station:

No reply yet from BT on this. Action MJ to contact BT.

Geoff Webster:

A.M contacted Gill James to find if the previous PCC had done anything in recognition of Geoff Websters years of service to the community. Action AM to contact Charlie Macrae for more info.

Grass Cutting:

The contract for cutting the grass around Plockton in 2017 has been given to John Macrae as he offered the best price for doing 6 or 7 cuts per year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Special Account £5,390

Fireworks Account £2,800

Ordinary Account £1,801

CORRESPONDENCE

Police Report:

PCC received a police report from Donald Morrisson in Kyle.

The Police would like to thank all those who took part in the search for Bruce Fewel.

There are several traveller encampments in the local area at the moment. The Police are recommending that people lock houses, sheds etc during the busier summer months. The Police station in Kyle will now be open from 09:00 – 13:30 Monday to Thursday.

SEPA letter re septic tanks passed on from Charlie Macrae (See under AOCB)

PLANNING MATTERS

A second appeal for planning permission for the site on Innes Street between the Old Free Church and No 2 Innes St (Miriam Drysdale's) has been turned down. This was based on the unsuitability of the design.

Application for retrospective planning permission for the front garden at 2 Bank St has still not been granted. The case seems to be in limbo. Action AM Contact Mark Harvey planning officer to find out the status.

Updated planning lists now that Audrey Sinclair has retired. Action David Skilling to contact council to get lists sent to him

ROADS

A car has been dumped on the straight between Plockton and Duirnish. Action MJ to email Police to make sure they know its there

Contact the roads department to get an update on all the PCC's listed works.. Action MJ to contact

STANDPIPES AT RHU, DALL AND OBANDUINE

This issue will be discussed at the next meeting

UPDATE & NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH KYLE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The PCC will host an open meeting in the Plockton Hall to gather ideas from residents for projects for the village. The idea being to get funding to follow through on these projects. Potential projects could include anything from extending the car park to buying land for community space. The open meeting will take place between 4-7pm on 12/6/17. This is the same day as the PCC AGM. Action MJ to check date for AGM/Hall availability.

MJ will also go to Plockton Primary School to ask teachers to get pupils ideas on the above

AOCB

James Greer has all the material and a builder ready so his works will commence in the coming weeks

The PCC received a letter from SEPA regarding raw sewage discharging on to the shore from Tigh Na Mara and Rhu Mor View in Plockton. One of these houses has had planning permission for a septic tank in the past but the planning has now lapsed. The PCC is very keen that these houses get septic tanks installed as soon as possible and a time limit of 2 years from now (May 2017 – May 2019) was suggested. Action PCC to write letter to houses in Plockton

MM noted that at present Drumbuie does not have access to Fibre Optic internet despite the cable passing by Drumbuie on its way from Kyle to Plockton. Action AM to contact Mackenzie Sutherland from the Council (Ardelve)

Lynn Bruce spoke about Network Rails plan to do works along the rail line from Kyle to Attadale over the coming summer at night (8pm - 8am). It was noted that letters were sent to local residents along the length of the proposed works everywhere except Plockton. The proposed work is very noisy and a major problem for hotels, B&B and holiday lets in Plockton who, having not received notice of the works, have bookings in place which will have to be cancelled. There will be work going on from 8pm to 8am, 13th - 19th May. There is also major work planned for September. PCC must complain to Network Rail about the timing. Action TS to write letter to Network Rail

PCC discussed the upcoming sale of Loch Lundie. Agreed that PCC should contact the seller to ask if a postponement to the auction could be arranged to allow the PCC/Village to see if a vehicle and money for purchase could be arranged. Action MJ to contact seller

TM mentioned a new light on a fish farm on the North Shore. Very bright all night. Action TM to contact Scottish Sea Farms

Date of next meeting:

13th June (AGM)

Future meetings:

5th September, 10th October, 5th December.