

Plockton and district Community Council meeting

09 October 2017

Present

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Tristan Southall, Thomas MacLennan, Councillor Isabelle Campbell, Alex Townend, Ewan Cameron, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative), Jane Camp

Apologies

Morag MacKenzie, Alexander MacKenzie, David Skilling, Ian Turnbull

Minutes of 28th August 2017

Adopted without amendments

Planning Matters

Nothing noted on the Highland Council site, however there is further activity in Kyle that the PCC should review when application available.

Finance

Balances:	Special project	£5391
	Fireworks	£2857
	Treasurers	£1795

£190 for grass cutting to be paid.

Roads

No further progress has been reported since the September update regarding agreed road repairs and issues. IC took copy to review.

Action: MJC, AT and TM to organise meeting with Roads Dept. week beginning 23, October 2017.

Septic Tanks

The completion certificate has been issued for Rhu Mor View. However there are outstanding issues regarding Tigh Na Mara, MJC has corresponded with SEPA regarding actions required. SEPA will get back to MJC regarding enforcement by January 2018

Village Consultation

TS reported that a summary of the community consultation has been completed and a follow open meeting with the community will be arranged.

Action: TS to post the report to the website and place in the library with notices in all the local notice boards.

Paddock

The issue of the Paddock for sale by the Church of Scotland was discussed. It was agreed that there is considerable community interest in seeking a way to bring this into community ownership.

Action: The secretary will send a letter to the Church of Scotland regarding possible Community purchase. TS to organise a meeting with the Harbour Assoc. week of 23rd October 2017.

Street Lights

No changes were reported.

Fireworks

TM reported that, he EC and Kenny Gollan had attended the North of Scotland Fireworks course and are certified and insured for this year's fireworks display. TM reported the challenges faced by community fireworks events and that he was in communication with MSP Gale Ross who has been pursuing these issues. The Plockton District Tourist Assoc. Will be catering the fireworks

event on 4th November 2017, and are looking for a few more volunteers to help serve and collect donations.

There was discussion regarding a gazebo type structure to provide temporary shelter at this and other similar events.

Action: AT volunteered to help on the 4th November. TS will talk to the Village Hall group to see if they would participate in the purchase of a pop up gazebo.

Post of Secretary

The Chair thanked David for his sterling work as the secretary and understood the difficulties he had in attending meetings and decision to step aside. MJC had contacted Jane Camp and asked if she would join the Council as Secretary, this was seconded and agreed by the membership.

Action: Jane Camp took up duties as secretary for the meeting.

AOCB

The Chair reported that the community Skips have been organised from Thursday 26 October to Monday 30th October. There will be three in Plockton, one in each of Duirnish and Drumbuie.

Action: MJC will speak to Primary School to organise Village Clean Up on Friday 27th October. Adult Clean Up will be on Saturday 28th October in the morning. All volunteers welcome. MJC will contact Community Service regarding help with gorse removal in appropriate areas.

The Chair reported she had been notified that National Trust Scotland (NTS) has insisted on corrugated iron roofing on the Old Craft House, Cooper Street. The Community Council expressed no strong opinions regarding this.

The Chair thanked Mr. Leask for his work on renovating and painting the bench on the Brae and MJC will send a letter of thanks to him.

The gravel car park, turning area beside the Plockton Station has been put up for sale by the Highland Council. A discussion ensued.

Action: IC to talk to Highland Council regarding turning area and road width adjacent to this gravelled area.

Water Pump on Rhu has been weeded and planted with flowers for many years by the MacDonalds, who are now finding this burdensome. The Council has agreed to take over the management of the pump area.

AT reported there would be one more cutting of grass for the season. Also advised the Council that the 15 year agreement between the crofters and NTS will come to an end in March 2018. CW, the crofting representative, stated that NTS will not be renewing the contract.

Action: MJC to contact NTS regarding the agreement with the Crofters.

The Council wished to congratulate the Kinlochsheil team for their achievement in winning the 2017 Marine Harvest Premiership.

Meetings for 2018

22nd January 2018

12th March 2018

23rd April 2018

11th June 2018 AGM

10th September 2018

22nd October 2018

10th December 2018

Next PCC meeting: 11th December 2017