

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 14 MARCH
2011 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M.J. MacRae (Chair) I. Matheson
J. MacKenna (Vice Chair) J. Storie
G. Glasgow G.R. Webster
K. Leiper G. James (Sec/Treas)
J. MacDonald Cllr. A. Sinclair
M. MacKenzie 2 Members of Kyle Constab.

7 Residents

APOLOGIES were received from I. Turnbull, NTS.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by I. Matheson and K. Leiper, respectively.

Matters arising

- a) Well North – Kally Leiper had represented the CC at a Walk Leader Training session.
- b) Police Matters – Incidents of vandalism and disturbances had occurred in Plockton, of which the police had been made aware.

The police representatives requested that they would be grateful if any incidents relating to dangerous potholes could be reported to them.

- c) Roads – Information had been received that the road between Plockton and Drumbuie was the next area to be repaired. The CC once again wished to record its concern at the appalling state of this stretch of road.
- d) Ward Forum – The next Ward Forum will take place on Monday, 21 March at 3.00 pm in Plockton Village Hall, culminating in a question and answer session. The Chairman planned to ask why Station Rd. remained unadopted.
- e) Village Play Area – A letter had been received from Plockton Primary School Playground Steering Committee stating that there would be no possibility of extending the proposed play area adjacent to the school for open use on the grounds that there is already a garden and greenhouse on the site for school purposes and also on Health and Safety grounds.

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- f) Loch Lundie – As yet no reply had been received from Scottish Water to the CC's concern regarding the proposed plans to make bore holes in Loch Lundie in order to reduce the levels and then to put the Loch up for sale on the open market. Joanna Peebles of Scottish Water had passed on the CC's request to the committee dealing with the Freedom of Information Act. The CC had been informed that the work was due for commence in April and it was agreed to contact Joanna Peebles requesting the outcome of the FIA Committee as a matter of urgency. *Chairman to action*. The possibility of a community buy-out was also raised.
- g) Housing – The Chairman and CC members had attended a meeting on site at Burnside with the Housing Clerk and Gordon MacDonald., HC Chief Engineer, to discuss outstanding matters. *CC to progress need for additional street lighting*.

It was agreed the present signage in the area should be re-sited, the “No Caravans” sign be removed, and new signage be placed on either side of the bridge. The traffic flow was to be monitored prior to a decision being made on the best way to ensure safety aspects for all users. It was noted that prior to any agreed road markings being put in place, a further coating would have to be applied to the road surface. The present 20 mph limit restriction was felt to be totally inadequate. It was suggested that a path should be constructed on the lefthand approach to the bridge on the village side. Both the High School and the Primary School had been approached for their suggestions, but no input had yet been received.

- h) Pontoon Ownership –The new title had still to be received.
- i) Planning Applications –
- The plans for 12 Harbour Street have not yet gone before the Planning Committee, and a letter has been received from the applicant's architect addressing matters raised at the last CC meeting. *It was noted by the CC that should there be any major changes to the revised plans, these would then have to be re-submitted/*
 - Revised plans have been submitted for Tigh Beag, Rhu.
- j) Car Park Toilets – It had been agreed with Mark Crowe, HC Technical Services Manager, that Harbours CIC would take over the refurbishment and running of the car park public toilets with extra finance from the HC and possibly other sources, being needed. John Leiper, Secretary of Harbours CIC was awaiting official confirmation from the HC.

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- k) Duirinish Hanging Baskets – As there has been a problem in acquiring suitable reasonably priced brackets, this project is being held in abeyance.
- l) Cancer Compound in West Coast Water – A reply is awaited from Scottish Water following a request from the CC for an update and reassurance on the matter.
- m) Plockton Library – The CC expressed its deep concern at the possibility of the re-siting or closure of this facility which would be a great loss to the village, particularly as the majority of closures in the region had been prevented by being taken over by a Library Trust, Plockton being an exception. It was noted that the present lease arrangement with the Village Hall was in place until 2014.

Ian Murray of the HC Libraries Dept. had quoted a saving of £4000 pa would be made should the library be re-located in Plockton High School as proposed, but this proposal was felt to be unworkable primarily on school security grounds. The results of a Feasibility Study were awaited.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Notification had been received that there would no longer be a skip service except for the village clean-up. It was agreed to write to N. Gillies, HC Director of Technical Services, making strong representations for this service to be reinstated and highlighting the possibility of instances of fly tipping and the fact that the nearest tip to this area is Portree.
- b) HM Coastguard – Re-structuring plans. PSBSC and Harbours CIC would be discussing this matter.
- c) CC Code of Conduct to be implemented from April 2011. Elections to be held in November 2011
- d) The sum of £500 for Village Notice Boards had been received from the Discretionary Budget. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Sinclair for her assistance in acquiring this.
- e) The Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance had been received from Zurich Municipal.

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- a) Concern was expressed at the instance of raw sewage being emitted into Obanduine. *Chairman to action.*

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- b) It was noted that hopefully the Music School would remain and that negotiations were being held to preserve this extremely worthwhile project.

4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CC will be held on Monday, 16 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.