

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY
2013 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT :	C M MacRae (Chair)	C Will (Crofters' Rep
	J MacKenna (Vice Chair)	Cllr I Campbell
	J Sanderson (Vice Chair)	
	M Jones	Const B Harper
	M MacKenzie	Const G Tucker
	I Matheson	
	J storie	2 Residents

APOLOGIES were received from G. James

On behalf of the CC, the Chairman wished to extend congratulations to a) the Plockton Drama Club on its recent success in the local festival and b) the PSBSC on being nominated RYA Best Sailing Club of the Year – in its 80th year. (Letters – J MacKenna)

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by I Matheson and M Jones respectively.

Matters arising :

- a) Police Matters – Nothing new reported, but the Chairman requested a police beat report for the CC area at future meetings, similar to that provided in Lochcarron, if possible. The secretary should email future agendas to Brian Chalmers and a report would be prepared in advance of the meeting.
NB In order to make contact with the local police station, it is now necessary to dial the central number 101 in order to be connected.
Thanks and best wishes were extended to G Tucker on his imminent move to Inverness.
- b) Plockton Play Area – Plans currently being circulated before submission.
- c) Burnside Area Safety Issue – Current road signs have not yet been moved but matters in hand.
- d) Station Road – There has been no reply to the CC's letter of concern to Network Rail.
- e) Roads – There are still a number of potholes requiring attention: i) at the bridge at the bottom of Strathie, ii) in Duirinish village & at Duirinish Bridge, iii) on the top road from Duirinish Lodge to Balmacara and Harbour St, Plockton. Part of the main road to Kyle to the west of Drumbuie is subsiding badly. (S McVarish to be contacted. Action - C MacRae)

- Dog fouling and bins – Tech Services will follow up complaints.
 - It would be too costly to install speed bumps in Duirinish.
 - There is still no sign at Duirinish. (Action - Cllr Campbell)
- f) Church of Scotland Glebe – This is still not on the market.
- g) Stromeferry Bypass – The CC had been unable to attend the last meeting. Next meeting in May.
There had been a very good display in Lochcarron on 20th February re the proposed plans for the regeneration of the Kishorn Yard and Dry Dock site as a manufacturing and servicing facility for the offshore energy industry.
- h) Church of Scotland – The Law Department is currently dealing with a number of title conditions prior to marketing of the property, but it seems unlikely that the churchyard will be advertised at all.
Part of the graveyard wall is in a precarious state.
- i) Challenge Fund – This could not be used for work on Station Road. However, an application could be made for funding to cover village grass-cutting, equipment, etc. There is currently no village officer and ideas/solutions are sought for this year. It was suggested that we contact the UHI West Highland College in Broadford regarding possible assistance/maintenance under the umbrella of a student project, for example. (Action - C MacRae)

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Following the lodging of a Planning Appeal by Scottish Sea Farms, two local fishermen attended the meeting at Airigh-Drishaig. Due to an administrative oversight, a 14-day extension had been granted from the 27th February for all parties to reply. Serious concerns about noise pollution had been submitted in writing by members of the community, concerns which are endorsed by the CC. A decision will be made at the end of March.
- b) NHS Single Site Facility for Skye, Lochalsh & SW Ross – a letter from NHS Highland had been received expressing a wish for a representative to attend a CC meeting before 31st March. As no confirmation was made in time for this meeting and another arrangement was not possible, it was agreed that the CC write to NHS expressing our unanimous wish for this facility to be located in Broadford (Action J MacKenna).

3. AOB

- a) Rubbish bin below Station House is still missing. (Action – C MacRae)
- b) The Duirinish/Duncraig railway fencing – work will begin on 1st April.
- c) Presentation of Plaque (Plockton Station) – this will take place on 26th April.
- d) A questionnaire had been received about fly-tipping.
- e) Plockton Craft House – no progress reported by the NTS.
- f) Portacabin behind the church – no progress.
- g) Shelter/Changing Facilities for the All-Weather Pitch at Plockton – application for funding is currently being investigated for this. The building would be within the fenced area and it is intended that the facilities would be available for community use.
- h) There is a lot of litter between the railway station and the village. It was suggested that Plockton High School might like be involved in some way in the Village Clean-Up on 19th April. (C MacRae to contact the school)
Skips are required for Plockton and Duirinish. (Action – C MacRae)
- i) The hedges at the back of the primary school need to be cut back.

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd April 2013 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

Joy MacKenna
Acting Secretary

