

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY
20124 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M.MacRae (Chair) I. Matheson
J. MacKenna G. James (Sec/Treas)
M. Jones C. Will (Crofters' Rep)
J. Sanderson Cllr. I. Campbell
G. Glasgow

APOLOGIES were received from M. MacKenzie

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing the condolences of the Community Council to Rossi MacKerlich's family at their loss. Rossi had contributed greatly over the years in many ways to the local community and as Chair of Kyle Community Council. He will be greatly missed. Sympathy was also extended to Murdo Livingstone's family at their loss. He had been born and educated in Plockton, and had retained his links with the village throughout his life.

The Community Council expressed their congratulations to Susan Galloway on her appointment as the new Rector of Plockton High School and wished her every success.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

Matters arising

- a) Planning Application – A revised Planning Application for the proposed flats between The Manse and Old Church is to be submitted by the Free Church in February/March.
- b) Burnside – The CC registered its disappointment that the Plockton village sign had still not been moved after 18 months.
- c) Village Play Park – A meeting had been held with SLCVO outlining the way forward for the play park. i.e. Feasibility Study, Constitution, Charitable Status and Bank Account. It would be necessary, in addition to the acquisition of funding for the play park, to raise money locally for sundries. A committee was formed, and a questionnaire would be drawn up to be circulated throughout the village to gauge local opinion.

- J. Sanderson and J. MacKenna were to meet with Iain Turnbull NTS to discuss the purchase/leasing of the land.
- d) Station Road – No progress had been made on this matter.
 - e) Village ATM – No progress.
 - f) NTS – War Memorial – It has been arranged for students to carry out work at the War Memorial and Open Air Church sites and this should take place in the next couple of weeks.
 - g) Campbell's House – A Planning Application had been received for a pontoon and house extension..

As, at present, the CC have only 7 days to request copies of Planning Applications, it was agreed the Chairman would request the Planning Officer to circulate any Application notifications to all CC members instead of just to the Chairman to avoid any possible delays.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter had been received from a local resident complaining at the amount of builders' rubbish being placed in the bins at the main pontoon to the point of overflowing and littering the area. The letter had been forwarded to Tech Services but as yet no reply had been received. The Chairman had already been informed that there were no more bins available.
- b) Bonfire Night/New Year Fireworks – Both events were very successful with excellent collections. The increased cost of the fireworks was noted. Many thanks to the Horticultural Soc.. and all those who helped with both events. It was agreed to give Ewan Cameron £100 towards his expenses. PSBSC would be asked to organise this year's Bonfire Night.
- c) Information regarding funding available for Highland Fishing Communities would be passed on to CIC Harbours.

3. AOB

- a) Ewan Cameron would be asked to quote for repair work needed to the causeway. *Chairman to action.*
- b) Duirinish – Potholes in need of filling on Barleyport Road. Duirinish 30 mph still not been replaced.

- c) Jane MacKenzie has purchased a defibrillator for the village, and training sessions for its use will be arranged.
- d) A member of the Lochalsh Sports Association reported to the CC that they were hoping to continue with their application for Community Challenge funding to become more involved in the Community letting time of the astro pitch. It's felt that the pitch is not utilised to its full potential due to the cost to clubs and maintenance is spasmodic. Highland Council are currently wanting communities to have a greater role in running facilities and have funding available for maintenance and improvement. What is on offer to the sporting Community could be increased and funding for a clubhouse/shelter, which is a crucial facility, would only be possible through the LSA. The pitch has only a certain lifespan and its felt that one "body" should take it upon themselves to maintain it and move forward.

The CC want to see this facility not only maintained but improved upon. If the Challenge Fund is successful the LSA would be looking for more club member involvement. The High School would obviously have full use of the pitch as it does now and be aware of all bookings during evenings and weekends. Discussions are taking place between LSA, Highland Council and the school..

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday, 4 March, 2014, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

