

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 14 APRIL 2014  
at 7.30 pm .

PRESENT : C.M.MacRae (Chair) J. Sanderson  
M. Jones (Vice Chair) G. James (Sec/Treasurer)  
G. Glasgow C. Will (Crofters' Rep)

APOLOGIES were received from J. MacKenna, M. MacKenzie, I. Matheson and Cllr. I. Campbell.

The CC congratulated Plockton Drama Club on their success in reaching the Scottish Final One-Act Festival.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by J. Sanderson and M. Jones, respectively.

Matters arising :

- a) Police Matters – PC Brian Harper, Kyle Police, informed the CC that the Liaison Officer for the CC is Donald Morrison, but attendance at meetings could be by any officer who is working at the time.

A minibus that had been abandoned in the Haven parking area has now been removed to the main Car Park and it is hoped this will be uplifted as soon as possible.

- b) Burnside Road Signs – Work is now in progress on the signs in the Burnside area. *The new Duirinish sign is still not in place.*
- c) Village Playpark – Funding sources are being progressed, with donations being received from various village organisations and individuals. Harry Taylor of Achnandarach had very kindly donated over £600 from his sponsored cycle ride from Edinburgh on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. All these contributions were very much appreciated. J. Sanderson informed the meeting that Skye & Lochalsh CVO had offered their assistance in sourcing main funders.

- d) Station Road – The CC were pleased that the repair work on Station Road has been completed, but disappointed that, having pressurised for many years for this road to be maintained, were not notified of the HC’s plan to carry out the work.

Although the residents and Network Rail had been informed by the HC in October 2013 of the amount they would be invoiced with for the resurfacing, apportioned in relation to useage, at no time was their any agreement from the residents concerned. The HC have intimated its intention to now invoice the residents, plus Network Rail and the HC, in relation to “uses”.

The CC wishes to give its support to the residents concerned who intend to refuse to pay their portion to which they had not previously agreed.

- e) NTS War Memorial – The Chairman had been in touch with Tec Services who are unable to assist with the work needed to clear round the War Memorial. It was suggested that a village work party could be formed to carry out this project.
- f) Bins – The problem of the car park bins being filled with builders’ rubbish continues. The HC Enforcement Officer has been asked for a solution but no reply has yet been received. This again highlights the very real need for a local re-cycling plant which it is hoped will be progressed.
- g) Causeway – A quote for the work of £200 has been received from Ewan Cameron. It was agreed that this should be carried out.
- h) Roads – The CC was pleased that resurfacing work was being carried out, although there was still a strip of road in Erbusaig in need of repair. It was hoped that work required to the airstrip road, Harbour Street, Innes Street and the road behind the toilets at Plockton car park would be carried out as soon as possible. It was felt that the ever-deteriorating state of pavements was becoming increasingly hazardous and in need of attention.
- i) Defibrillators – The village now has two defibrillators, one of which will be erected on the wall of the Village Hall and the other on the NTS Centre at the car park. Plockton Harbours CIC had made a donation to the charity “Lucky to be Here”.

Susan Galloway, Rector, PHS, confirmed that she had obtained agreement that the school defibrillator could be used by the village during school opening time.

- j) All-weather Pitch – J. Sanderson informed the CC that a meeting of interested parties was due to be held to discuss possible plans for a clubhouse, etc. to upgrade the facility.
- k) Septic Tanks – With regard to the two properties’ installation of septic tanks one has applied for planning permission and the other is in contact with the HC to progress the matter.
- l) Village Clean-up – This will now take place on 25 April.
- m) Plockton Railway Station – Concern had been expressed about litter at the station, and the Rector had assured the CC that spot checks are being carried out to eradicate this situation.
- n) Streetlighting – Following complaints regarding the excessive brightness of the new type of streetlights, the Lighting Dept. had informed the Chairman that there were new lights that were more yellow and therefore not as bright which could prove more suitable and be installed in the future. Lights at each end of the causeway would be erected.
- o) New Hospital – It is hoped that the new hospital will be at Broadford.
- p) Service Point Closures – The decision to close has been temporarily reversed and will be monitored for the next 15 months.

## 2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A notice re clean-up skips from Highland Waste Management, detailing a list of items which must not be placed in skips.
- b) A meeting had been held re the Stromeferry Bypass, the Chairman, M. Jones and J. Sanderson representing the CC. Nine options were on the table, the bridge across the Stromeferry narrows and new road bypassing Lochcarron village appearing to be the most preferable at present. This is estimated at a cost of approx. £100.000.000 compared with £17.000.000 estimate in 1994.

When a final decision is made it is hoped to start work in 2017. Detailed information is available on the HC website.

## 3. AOB

- a) A gravestone has fallen over in Plockton church graveyard. The CC is

looking to the HC to reinstate this as following the sale of the church, the HC will be taking over responsibility for the graveyard. The HC will also be responsible for the condition of the wall and the trees in the area.

- b) A retrospective Planning Application in connection with controversial decking at 2 Bank St. was discussed, and J. Sanderson brought to the attention of the CC that if there are 5 objections or more to any delegated decision it has to be progressed to the full Planning Committee. Following a vote by the meeting, it was the majority decision of the CC in this case not to lodge an objection. The 5 objection ruling was noted.

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3 June 2014 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.**

Gill James  
Secretary







