

Minutes of Plockton and District Community Council Meeting 10 October 2016

Present:

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Alexander Mackenzie, Alex Townend, Ewan Cameron, David Skilling, Cllr Audrey Sinclair (H.C)

Two members of public also in attendance.

Apologies:

Morag Mackenzie, Tristan Southall, Thomas Maclennan

Minutes of Last Meeting

Noted that there was a letter regarding roads from Charlie Macrae for the last meeting which had not been recorded in the minutes. This was read out and all issues are already being pursued with Highland Council. **Action:** DS to follow up.

Adopted (Proposed by AT, seconded by EC)

Update On Actions

Cattle grid at Burnside, Plockton is very noisy and needs to be looked at. Rubber can be fitted to the underside to dampen the noise. Whins on the straight between Plockton and Duirinish need to be cut. Also whins on Wee Strathie. AT has already put in request for this to be done.

MJ has responded to the letter received from Roddy Rankin for disabled access to the church and has sent a letter in opposition to Bank of Scotland's planned closure of their branches at Broadford and Lochcarron.

DS has written and spoken to Highland Council requesting retention of the phone box at the High School.

Planning

AS confirmed that the new planning application was with Highland Council for the gap site at the church. Not yet clear which planning committee meeting it will go to if any depending on numbers of objections etc.

Finance Update

- Highland Council grant has been received for £753.98
- Current bank balances are: Treasurer's A/c- £2820; Fireworks A/c - £2882; Special Projects A/c - £ 5388

AOCB

Skips have been arranged for the village clean at the end of October. Notices will be put up with dates of drop off . **Action:** MJ / AT to speak to school re pupil involvement.

Discussion on the catering for 5 November fireworks. Playpark group are unable to do it so other clubs ar being approached. **Action:** AM to confirm. DS to draft letter to other clubs seeking donation.

New regulations coming into force in 2017. We will need to apply for a licence to have any fireworks event from next year. **Action:** DS to raise with Highland Council.

Overgrown whin bush blocking driver visibility at bottom of Strathy. **Action:** AT will cut back.

AS informed the meeting that Highland Council would start work in November to re-new street lights in the village.

MJ confirmed that work on outstanding septic tanks was expected to start soon.

Discussion on access to all weather pitches at the school for children out-with school hours. All agreed this would be a good thing and will raise the issue with the school in the first instance. **Action:** DS to contact High School.

Potholes on the road round the airstrip getting worse and needing repair. **Action:** DS to contact Highland Council.

Short discussion on Community Council leaflet to go through the doors of houses in the area. Mary Jane has done a leaflet which all approved of. Agreed that this will be picked up at the next meeting.

MJ is in discussion with Highland Council regarding people undertaking community payback and the possibility of them doing some work in Plockton. It was decided that a possible project would be clearing gorse on the islands. **Action:** MJ to contact David Livingston.

There was a short discussion regarding changes to Occasional Licences. A number of clubs make use of these so more information about the changes can be found at www.highland.gov.uk

Scottish Government are undertaking a Governance review of early years and school education. There is a meeting at the Drumossie hotel, 31 Oct, 10:00 – 13:00. For more information contact alex.macmanus@highland.gov.uk

Future meetings:

Tuesday 6th December.