

# Plockton and District Community Council meeting

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12 March 2018

## Present

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Thomas MacLennan, Tristan Southall, Morag MacKenzie, Ewan Cameron  
Alex Townend, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative), Jane Camp

## Apologies

Alexander MacKenzie, Iain Turnbull, Councillor Isabelle Campbell.

## Minutes of 22 January 2018

Adopted with amendments

## Police Report

Currently nothing to report.

## Planning Matters

There is a planning request for Rowanrig, Camus an Arbhair, to convert the garage into part of the house. There would be no changes to the outline or height of the existing house.

## Finance

AT gave verbal report:

Treasurers Account	£1315
Web-hosting	- £192.90
Hall Hire	-£100.00
Special Projects	£4343.45
High School	-£100.00
Kyle Line	-£250.00

Fireworks

£3174.45

Outstanding bill for New Year Fireworks to be paid.

Funding for Community Councils has been cut and we will be notified in due course the amount the Council will receive.

## Roads

It was suggested a notice be placed in the shop to encourage people to complain about the state of the roads.

The table with roads issues should be updated and circulated with minutes and resubmitted with a request for another meeting.

A letter has been sent requesting a new sign for Drumbuie on the Plockton side.

Councillor Campbell was to make enquiries about the gravel area at the station currently on the market by the Highland Council, to clarify expectations and ownership.

Action: MJC to write to Roads Dept on behalf of the Council to complain.

## Tables and Chairs

A discussion ensued regarding the current and future tables and chairs. Duirnish has some tables and chairs that do not require painting or maintenance and are made of recycled material.

Action: EC to report back on the current state of table and chairs.

## Causeway

The chair reported that Mr. MacRae had advised that the causeway is in need of repairs.

## Septic Tanks

SEPA is moving to enforcement.

## Village Consultation

MJC reported that Iain Turnbull for NTS has been contacted. Follow up meeting is to be arranged for May 2018.

## Paddock

The sale of the Paddock has not yet been finalised and so nothing further to report at this time..

## Update on Reintroduction of Cows into the Village

CW reported that the cows would not be returning this year. It was also suggested that the topic could be included in the village consultation meeting.

## AOCB

Grass Cutting was discussed, there are areas that the Highland Council is responsible for and areas the community is responsible for. AT agreed to contact the Harbour Assoc about contributing and to increase the number of cuts to nine times a year. This should include the piece by the Primary School and around the back.

## Village Clean up

It was suggested that the cleanup this year should not just be about picking up detritus on the beaches, but include clearing of gorse on the island and elsewhere in the village. The cleanup should be advertised and promoted to involve more people to do tidyup and trimming around the village. Since this cleanup would involve heavy gardening it was agreed we would ask the Horticultural Society to help out and take on the pruning and trimming of vegetation.

There is a boat wreck and the seashore in front of Bank Street requires attention.

TS agreed to make a poster for 10am start on Saturday April 21st at the car park.

MJC will ask the Inn, Haven and Hotel to contribute and support the volunteers. MJC will also look into the High Vis vests for the volunteers to wear.

Notices will be posted on boards and also door to door drop to make sure everyone is aware.

The skips will be here on 20th April 2018 and Duirnish and Drumbuie on 28th April 2018.

#### Fire Service

Has issued a consultation in which they set out plans to expand the fire service in the Highlands. They want to provide First Responder Service and are planning on 14 new fire engines. There will be a full time co-ordinator post. A meeting is planned for 23rd April 2018 and a representative from the council is invited to attend. The consultation can be found on the following link:

<http://firescotland.gov.uk/transformation/public-consultation.aspx>

TM requested that signs and bins go back by the airstrip for dog walkers.

Mr MacRae advised the members that the RBS mobile bank van will now only stop in the car park.

MJC will request a second visit to Dan's house regarding the heating.

## Meetings for 2018

23rd April 2018

11th June 2018 AGM

10th September 2018

22nd October 2018

10th December 2018

**Next PCC meeting: 23rd April 2018**