

Plockton and District Community Council AGM meeting

11th June 2018

Present

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Thomas MacLennan, Tristan Southall, Ewan Cameron, Alex Townend, ,Jane Camp, Councillor Isabelle Campbell, Alexander MacKenzie

Apologies

Iain Turnbull, Morag MacKenzie, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative)

Minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Actions. It was reported that the 20 mile an hour speed limit at the primary school is working well. The speed limit in Duirnish was discussed and the council was advised that the signs are no longer legal, the Roads Department needs to change them. The bus shelter there is unsafe for the 17 children that now live in the village and take the bus to school in Plockton.

The Chairman's report is attached.

The treasurer's report attached.

The accounts have been checked by Ed Stanley, he kindly donated the cost of this to the PCC.

Election of office bearers

Councillor Campbell the Highland Council representative asked for nominations for the Plockton Community Council officers. The chairman nominated and seconded is, Mary Jane Campbell the treasurer nominated and seconded is Alex Townend and the secretary nominated and seconded is Jane Camp.

Item 6 Community Community Consultation

Prior to the PCC AGM, there was "next steps" follow up meeting regarding the Community Consultation at which approximately 30 people were in attendance. John McDonald from H I E attended and provided helpful information about communities in the highlands that had

undertaken projects to support and enhance their local communities. There was discussion regarding Community Interest Companies (CICs). The Plockton Harbour Association Community and Interest Company's purpose and role was discussed. Past projects and ideas were also discussed. It was agreed that a steering group would be established to work with the Harbour Association and look at possible projects. A number of people in attendance put forward their names for the steering group.

Action: Alexander MacKenzie will coordinate this group.

Planning Matters.

Four applications were highlighted for planning matters. There is an application for a Crannog for Loch Lundie, no objections noted. The planning application for the mast has been withdrawn. Planning for number 12 Harbour Street continues to raise some concerns. Austin Boyle was present at the meeting and invited members to view his premises to see the work he has undertaken. There were some concerns that Mr. Boyle is in contravention of the original planning application. It appears that Mr. Boyle is changing the property into a business location as the upstairs will no longer be a residence. Lastly there was a planning application from Craig Highland Farm for the building of 4 to 6 eco-lodges, no objections noted.

Action: Councillor Campbell to look bring up issues highlighted with the Highland Council.

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Mr Hay expressed there are concerns regarding the speed of vehicles coming into the village in relation to both the high school and the primary school. There are vehicles crossing the bridge where the children have to walk. It was agreed there should be a plan to look further at safety for the schools.

It was reported that Scottish Power are to put the power lines underground, this work should begin in August, it is due to the danger of the overhead cables from the boats and now the playpark is in place and there would be a risk to children if any of the cables fell.

The gazebo co-owned by the Village Hall and the PCC was a topic of discussion. It was suggested that the gazebo should be made available for community groups and community residents, however, it was suggested there should be a fee of approximately £25 for the community groups and £50 for individuals. It was also suggested that those who borrowed or hired the gazebo would be responsible for the safety and maintenance of the gazebo and and if

any damage occurred this would be fixed by the borrower. It was suggested that a contract or lease agreement would be required to institute this. Since the gazebo is co-owned with the village hall this would need to be discussed and agreed with them. Currently the gazebo is managed by Thomas.

Action: Thomas to discuss with the village hall committee to gain an agreed plan.

It was suggested that in light of financial constraints being placed on the PCC that fund a fundraiser should be started for the special account. Money can then be allocated to projects such as at the high school where boats are being built. It was suggested £200 be given to them to support ongoing projects.

Thomas reported that Dan was happy to have his electric heating sorted. He also noted that the carpet and the linoleum needs replacing, he also noted that there is no downstairs toilet and currently Dan is unable to get upstairs and requires disabled facilities. In addition to all this, the outside of the house is in great need of painting.

Action: Councillor Campbell to bring this to the attention of the relevant department at the Council.

It was reported that the bin at the airstrip has gone again. The white lines on the road need reprinting.

The house at the school is no longer going to be used for special needs as it will require too much alteration to make it handicapped accessible. It was suggested that it be moved to the housing association so it can once again be used for local housing.

It was suggested that a traffic management plan is required for the village of Plockton. There are concerns about the "keep clear" signs in front of the Plockton Hotel and the Shores, it was suggested that the council write to the businesses asking for their support and keeping them clear of parked cars.

Meetings for 2018

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Next PCC meeting: 10th September 2018