

**Minutes of Plockton and District Community Council  
Meeting 11/3/19**

**Apologies:** M.Mackenzie, E.Cameron, Councillor Biz Campbell

**Present:** Mary Jane Campbell(Chair)(MJ), Alexander Mackenzie(AM), Alex Townend(AT), Tristan Southall (TS), Thomas MacLennan(TM), Johanna Maclean ( Clerk). Plus 11 members of the public.

**Minutes of last meeting :** Adopted without amendment by TM and 2nd by AT.

**Update on actions: Benches** – 2 new benches to be ordered costing £958.00, money to come from Special Projects fund. AT to action this. These will be placed in front of No 36 Harbour St.

**Roads** – MJ has prioritised a list which Councillor Campbell will give to the council.

**Planning Matters** – No objections to a planning application for a new house at Ravenscraig.

**Financial Update :** AT reported the following

Special Projects - £3795

Fireworks Account - £2091

Treasurers Account - £1196

A payment of £105 has been made for insurance. An additional supplement is to be paid for Fireworks display. TS has received a copy of the electrical certificate for the light and extension cable used for the fireworks catering.

**Roads** – As mentioned previously list to go to council, with priority being given to renewal of white lines and repair of Duirinish Bridge. New work done at Plockton Primary School was noted and members of the public present suggested Keep Clear signs should be put in place.

**Plockton and District Development Trust/Company** – MJ and James Krisp Camp had been to a meeting in Dornie recently for representatives of local councils. MJ reported that there is to be a Consultation Exercise for the whole of Lochalsh and Glenelg.

**Cows** – Following a lengthy discussion by CC and members of the public, it was decided to ask the Crofters for a meeting with the CC and Harbours Association. It was also suggested that whilst discussions are on going, the Crofters be asked not to let the cows come into the village. Minutes of the public meeting held in October have not been received by the CC and these are to be requested. It was noted that the views of the village are the same as they were in October. Though no vote was taken, there appeared to be unanimous support from those present in their opposition to the return of the cows. The CC has a duty to reflect these views. Meeting was also told that the NTS do not want to be involved in this process, but as landowner it was felt that they should. It was confirmed that no risk assessment has been received from the Crofters as suggested at meeting in October. The request

for a proper risk assessment showing what reasonable measures are to be applied to mitigate risk was therefore repeated.

Correspondence was received from the Plockton Harbour CIC confirming its intention to continue to pay £1,400 annually for grass cutting. In the letter they also suggested that the Tourist Association also be asked for a donation to support the upkeep of the village.

**Motion – Ed Stanley** - Does the CC agree that it is wrong to deliberately increase the risk to public health by bringing the cows into the village? Most of the CC agreed to this motion.

**Motion – Tristan Southall** –CC needs to reflect the views of the community. It is the understanding of the CC that the clear majority of people in the village have considerable concerns about the cows coming into the village.

**Skips** – 1 skip will arrive in the village on a Saturday in April(date to be arranged) and will be manned to prevent inappropriate waste being deposited. This will be combined with Village clean up and followed by barbecue and Social evening in the hall.

**AOCB** – AM would like to see the CC put pressure on the council to fulfill their duty to maintain Dan MacPhee’s house as a safe/habitable council house now and in the future. Jane Buckley asked CC to speak to Social Work about Mr MacPhee.

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30 pm.