

MINUTES OF  
PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
10.2.2020

Present: Councillor Biz Campbell, Dave Mcghie(chair) Peter Mackenzie, Fiona Mackenzie, Eoin Cameron, Ian Hay, Cat Camp, James Krisp. Johanna Maclean(clerk)

5 members of the public.

Apologies: Robbie Bain

Councillor Biz Campbell chaired this first meeting of the new community council in the absence of Robbie Bain.

1. Election of office bearers. The following were elected.

Chair – Dave McGhie

Vice Chair – James Krisp

Treasurer – Cat Camp

Minute Secretary – Johanna Maclean

Councillor Campbell passed the Chairmanship to David McGhie the meeting continued.

2. Constitution and Standing Orders – were adopted and will be signed in due course.

3. Associate Membership

Under section 5 of the “Scheme of Establishment” the Council have the right to invite key groups within the community to become Associate Members.

It was resolved that representatives from the following local groups are to be invited to join the Community Council – Local development trust, Harbours Association, Crofters, Parent Teachers Association. It was noted that there is the capacity for youth membership (16-18 yr olds) the council agreed that efforts should be made in this area.

Action: Chairman to write to agreed bodies to invite participation

4. Finance

Accounts and bank accounts need to be transferred to the new council.

Action: Dave McGhie (Chair), Alex Townend (Former Treasurer) and Cat Camp (New Treasurer) to meet when convenient.

5. Future Meetings

Future CC meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Next public meeting to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Plockton village hall at 7.30 pm.

The CC are going to meet in private on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb @7.30. **Post meeting note: This meeting has been cancelled.**

6. AOCB

#### **Update from Councillor Campbell**

No 14 Harbour St – Councillor Campbell told the meeting that the council had surveyed the house for renting and it's going to cost £160,000 to upgrade it. The Highland Council are not allowed to spend that much money on one house. Housing Association are looking at it also. CC are to write to David Gouldie at Highland Council as to their intentions for No 14 and the Janitors house at the High School.

Action: Ian Hay, David McGhie

Councillor Campbell also told the meeting that parking charges are coming into force on 1 st April 2020. This covers the whole of the Highland Region.

Planning applications – Councillor Campbell explained that decisions are made according to the Local Plan. She said that applications will come to CC for comment.

#### **Rental of green gazebo for upcoming wedding.**

James Krisp has been approached about renting the “Village Gazebo”  
It was agreed that this was acceptable, and James agreed to manage it.

Action: James Krisp

#### **Funds raised at the New Year Fireworks**

Alex Townend presented the CC with money that he and his wife Lenice collected at the New year bonfire. Grateful thanks were extended to them both for doing this.

A total of £272.14 was collected which Dave McGhie is going to bank.

Action: David McGhie

#### **Discretionary Fund**

Ian Hay asked Councillor Campbell about the “Discretionary Fund”. She replied that the CC could apply for funding online and stated that funds were limited.

### **Recycling and local Contracting**

Ian Hay asked for Councillor Campbell's support regarding the requirements for recycling facilities in the area and improving access to council work for small local contractors in the area.

Councillor Campbell said she would continue to provide support where she could

It was suggested that MOWI had paid for a skip in other areas and that this may be available to Plockton. The Council will consider an approach

### **Old Manse Paddock**

Catherine Will updated the meeting on progress with the sale of the paddock at the Old Manse. Currently the transfer of the land is held up due to problems with the sale and purchase agreements.

It was noted that the CC could not intervene in private property sales.  
No further action at present.

### **Community Council Email Address**

It was suggested by a member of the public the Council consider setting their own email address to remove personal addresses as points of contact. The Council agreed to take this forward.

### **Road condition at Strathy and Damage to Duirinish Bridge**

Morag Mackenzie expressed concern about the lack of progress on the repairs to the road at Strathy which was now in a very poor state. It was noted that this had been on the agenda of the Council for a very long time without action.

In addition, concern that the damage to Duirinish Bridge had still not been repaired

Councillor Campbell agreed to take action on both issues.

### **Post Office hours**

Kate Havard Post Mistress Plockton informed the meeting that she would be reducing the working hours of the Post Office in the near future.

**In closing the Chairman supported by all members expressed their thanks and appreciation for all the work and dedication of the outgoing members of the Council.**

7. Date of Next public meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Plockton village hall at 7.30 pm.

