

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER,
2009 AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M. MacRae (Chairman) I. Matheson
 J. MacKenna (Vice Chair) J. Storie
 G. Glasgow G.R. Webster
 M. MacKenzie G. James (Sec/Treas)
 J.D.F. MacDonald Cllr. I. Campbell

5 Residents

APOLOGIES were received from K. Leiper and I. Turnbull, NTS.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, which was held as an informal discussion, as the number attending did not constitute a quorum, were proposed and seconded by G. R. Webster and I. Matheson respectively, as were the Minutes of 14 September

Matters arising

a) Police Matters

- A number of instances of vandalism had occurred in the village, all of which had been reported to the Police.
- Disappointment was expressed by the CC that information in relation to the possibility of forming a Residents Watch in the village had still not been received.

b) Ward Forum – The Minutes of the June meeting had now been received. The sum of £500 has been awarded, but not yet received, for the painting of the village seats and tables.

c) Roads Dept.

- It was noted that although a Works Order had been placed in May, there had still been no work carried out on the surface at the corner of Harbour St. which was in extremely poor condition.
- Minor repair work had commenced on the Achmore road.

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- d) Plockton Railway Station - The need for seats/shelter at the Station was being progressed.

The CC expressed its concern at the general condition of the railway station, the gate having been removed, the edge of the platform breaking up, the excessive amount of litter on the platform and railway lines, and the untidy state of the cultivated area.

With regard to the litter problem it was felt that the High School should be asked to address this by approaching the pupils concerned. Joy MacKenna agreed to follow up this matter.

Scotrail had suggested that with regard to the cultivated area on the platform a local group might be prepared to tend this, as had taken place on Strathcarron station. The CC felt that this matter could only be addressed when the present issues regarding the general state of the station had been resolved.

- e) Village Play Area – No reply had yet been received from the Director of Education regarding the suggestion that the grassed area adjacent to the Primary School might be considered as a possible village play area.
- f) Disposal of Cardboard from Commercial Premises – A suggestion that re-useable boxes could be available to businesses would be followed up, and Cllr. Campbell agreed to further investigate the possibility of the provision of cardboard disposal bins.
- g) Plockton Car Park – The progressing of this project was to be discussed at a Plockton Harbour CIC meeting due to take place on Saturday, 19 December.
- h) Signs at Duncraig – The owners of Campbell’s House confirmed that their Title Deeds state that the right of way is only for pedestrian access, the gate for which always remains unlocked, the vehicular access gate only being locked.
- i) NTS Matters –The NTS had held a drop-in meeting at the Village Hall. Iain Turnbull, NTS, had contacted the Grazings Clerk regarding the Coral Beach Path with a view to funding a fencing project.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The NTS had informed the CC of Scottish Water’s plans to breach the dam at Loch Lundie and lower the water level by 2m. This is expected to take around

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6 weeks to complete, after which they intend to remove a section of the dam and landscape the area. The CC expressed disappointment that it had not been contacted by Scottish Water re these plans and would write and ask for clarification.

- b) A local resident had written to the Chairman expressing his concern at the problems caused by the long queue of cars parked on Innes St. on Bonfire Night resulting in the road being turned into a single track with no passing places. It was felt that action should be taken in future to prevent this problem arising.
- c) NHS Highland re Health Services Workshop which has been re-scheduled for 12 February. The CC felt strongly that the present facilities in Broadford Hospital should be maintained.

3. AOB

- a) It was suggested that a letter should be drafted to be sent to the new tenants of Burnside welcoming them to the community when the houses are allocated. I. Matheson to action.
- b) The area in front of the seat overlooking the pontoon is very muddy and it was agreed to have paving stones placed there. Chairman to action.
- c) It was agreed that this year and for future events 10% of the profits of the Bonfire Night should be given to the organising group, this year being Plockton Football Club. Thanks were expressed to the Football Club, and all those who helped. Special thanks were recorded to Ewan Cameron for all his willing help, and a token of appreciation would be given.
- d) Concern was expressed that a Planning Application made by Lynne Kennedy for a house at Barleyport was being recommended for refusal by Planning. It was believed that the reason given for this refusal was being backed by Scotrail on the grounds that the railway crossing was substandard. Support for the application has been given by Duirinish Grazings Committee on the grounds that the crossing has recently been renovated and is now in excellent condition. The CC would write to D. Baldwin, Planning & Building Standards Officer, unanimously supporting the Application.
- e) The CC presently owns the pontoon, but it is proposed that in the future it should be transferred to Plockton Harbour CIC.
- f) A boat and van have been abandoned for some time on the airstrip area. Cllr. Campbell to action

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4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday, 1 March, 2010 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

