

- d) Ward Forum, Plockton – This was attended by the Chairman, Vice Chair and I. Matheson on behalf of the CC on 21 March in Plockton Village Hall. The meeting comprised mainly of a presentation on the West Highland College and the delivering of the Community Care Plan. The continuation of the Plockton Lunch Club was still ongoing but it is hoped funding will be available. The Chairman felt that three speakers are too many as it restricted open questions to 20 mins. and that in future more time should be allotted to questions.
- e) Village Play Area – George Glasgow had kindly offered the sum of £1000 towards a village play area with the proviso that this should be identified and underway within 12 months. At present the only possible site for such an amenity was that on Rhu outside the fenced area up to the high water mark. It was agreed that firstly the NTS would be approached on the matter. A letter requesting this would be sent.
- f) Loch Lundie - A letter had been received from Richard Duncan, Support Administrator, Scottish Water, enclosing the most recent annual report, and confirming that as the work is currently ongoing there is no final costing figure.
- g) Housing – There is still one house available which has been advertised, and if this is not sold by the end of the summer the Housing Asscn. propose to rent it out. Following the meeting between the interested parties re improving the safety issues, etc. in the railway bridge area, no progress had been made and it was agreed to write to Gordon MacDonald, HC Tech. Services, Portree, re the situation.

Re streetlighting, 2 CC members registered dissatisfaction at the new light which had been erected in Harbour St. as it was felt to be overly bright and totally out of keeping. Chairman to action.

- h) Pontoon Ownership – Completion still awaited.
- i) Planning Applications – Several objections to the application for 12 Harbour St. had been lodged, major changes having been made leading to the plans being re-submitted. Sgeir Buidhe – still no new plans submitted.

It was noted that although planning notices were being published in the Free Press and plans themselves were on-line, there was a possibility that they would no longer be available in libraries. It was felt that plans online were most unsatisfactory.

- j) Car Park Toilets – This matter was with the HC Legal Dept. who were in the process of valuing the land.
- k) Plockton Library – Feasibility Study results were awaited.

- l) Skip Service – The possibility of the setting up of a skip compound in Lochalsh was being considered.
- m) CC Code of Conduct – The election has been scheduled for November 2011 when the present 9 members would be reduced to 7. It was noticed that no mention was made of the election of a Vice Chair.
- n) Raw Sewage, Obaduine – The resident of the property concerned attended the meeting and reassured the CC that although the installation of a septic tank had had to be delayed, the matter was in hand. His reassurance was much appreciated. There was, however, no progress to report on the requirement for a septic tank to be installed on a Rhu property.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) More leaflets re Dog Fouling had been received and would be displayed.
- b) Village Clean-up – Many thanks were recorded to Plockton Primary School pupils for taking part in the clean-up.
- c) Phil Di-Duca, Tilhill Forestry, supplying details of proposed tree felling around Duncraig in 2011.
- d) Notification that there will be road closures for a new water pipe to be installed between Strathie and Achmore. No starting date as yet.
- e) Complaints had been received re the volume of rubbish in the pier area following a visit from the Gordonstoun yacht. This matter had since been resolved.
- f) The sale of the church by the Church of Scotland had been confirmed and no more services would be held. This matter was now in the hands of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, and a letter would be received from them to that effect. It was noted that the community would be given the option to buy.

3. AOB

- a) The Roads Dept. had confirmed that they were unable to supply the infill required for the area just past Drumbuie on the way to Kyle.
- b) The Duirinish barns which were in a in need of refurbishing and belonged to various crofters, have been put on the Community Plan for further development.
- c) Concern was expressed at the letting off of fireworks without prior notification.

- d) Several CC members were unhappy that the Sailing Club had decided to hold Sunday races without village consultation.

4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council would be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 20 June 2011, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.