

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER  
2012 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : C.M.MacRae (Chair) J. Storie  
J. MacKenna (Vice Chair) G. James (Sec/Treas)  
J. Sanderson (Vice Chair) C. Will (Crofters' Rep)  
M. Jones Cllr. A. Sinclair  
M. MacKenzie  
I. Matheson

APOLOGIES were received from Sgt. Paul Moxon, Kyle Constabulary. (*Newly-appointed*).

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by I. Matheson and M. Jones, respectively. Item i) in Matters arising should have read "HC Area Planning Dept." not "HC Planning Dept."

Matters arising :

- a) Police Matters – No progress has been made with the removal of abandoned cars in Ceann an Uib.

Considerable disturbances during the night and some vandalism had occurred following a dance in the village hall, in connection with which Jan Storie had been unable to contact the local police or Portree. An apology had been received from the police, and a suggestion made that in future if they were notified of the date of this, or any other such events, they could arrange for a low key police presence.

Investigations into the break-in at the Harbour St. gift shop and house were ongoing.

The Chairman had put up more Dog Fouling notices but so far the requested additional bins and bag dispensers had not been received from the HC TEC Services. *George Speed, HC TEC Services, had recently retired, and as yet there was no replacement for his job.*

- b) Plockton Play Area – No progress had been reported, but notification had been received from Scottish Water that a water pipe was being laid in Ard a'Mhorair.

It was felt this could present an opportunity to combine the digging with resolving the drainage problem for the proposed play area and the adjoining garden in Cooper St.

- c) Burnside Housing Development – Work had started on the proposed safety issues in the area of the railway bridge, and Cllr. Sinclair agreed to approach both the Primary and High School Boards in relation to Safer Routes to School funding.
- d) Roads Dept. - The Chairman had approached George Speed prior to his retirement and was informed that any repairs to Harbour St. would need to be carried out after the holiday season. This repair work is much-needed. With regard to the continuing problem of the condition of Station Rd., Cllr. Sinclair offered to approach the HC Roads Director on the matter.
- e) Plockton Railway Station – The Chairman had heard from Scotrail asking for an update on progress and had informed them that once the High School had returned after the summer holidays the Committee would start their work, which PC Matt O’Neill, British Transport Police, would follow up.
- f) Village Seats and Tables – This project was being progressed. Many thanks to Alex Burrell for the donation of two combined seats/tables.
- g) New Fish Farm South of Airigh-Drishaig – Many thanks to June Sanderson for progressing this matter with the Aquaculture Development Officer. A letter had subsequently been received from Scottish Sea Farms apologising for the lack of communication with the CC and outlining the plans, which the local fishermen had made clear that they were not at all satisfied with. The CC agreed to give the fishermen its full backing. Many thanks to Jane Buckley for her commitment to this problem. Cllr. Sinclair informed the meeting that a decision would be made shortly and it was hoped that some acceptable changes would be made.
- h) Sewage Problem at Nessum Dorma – The Chairman to acquire an update on the situation.

## 2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Budget Consultation Meeting in Lochcarron Village Hall on Monday, 17 September. Chairman to request a form to complete for input on relevant matters.
- b) An extremely generous bequest of £5000 had been received from Peggy Moore’s Will in memory of her happy times spent over the years in her house in Plockton. The CC wished to express their gratitude, the Chairman having thanked her family on the CC’s behalf. Suggestions had been made that part of the money

should be spent on a commemorative inscribed seat, but the subject of how best to use the bequest would be further discussed at the next CC meeting.

- c) Village Maintenance – Many thanks were expressed to Lynne Matcalfe for her excellent work in keeping the village tidy during the season, but due to CC limited resources it was agreed that her work would now have to be curtailed for this year. *Overhanging branches from the garden of Station House were presenting a hazard. Chairman to action.*
- d) The HC were holding a meeting at Kyleakin Hall on 27 September to discuss the proposed changes to the catchment areas of Plockton and Portree High Schools.
- e) George Glasgow had provided an excellent weather report on the summer months in Plockton, and this was being made available in the Library.
- f) The suggestion that there would be two village clean-up days was being followed up, the date of 9 November being agreed.
- g) Problems had been encountered in locating the Hearing Resource Centre venue in Dornie, and the lack of people attending. It was suggested there should be better venue-signing and advertising for the facility. The Chairman had requested leaflets, but these had not yet arrived.

### 3. AOB

- a) A complaint had been received about the overgrown state of the path up to the War Memorial from Bank St. It was hoped this could be cleared.
- b) It was hoped that progress would be made with the future of the NTS Craft House in Cooper St.
- c) Work on Duirinish road sign and the railway fencing had still not been carried out.
- d) The HC are no longer collecting roadside litter between Drumbuie and Plockton. *Chairman to action.*
- e) The area at the bottom of Strathie where the road narrows is a hazard in need of attention. *Chairman to action.*
- f) It is felt that the Achmore Road, whilst much improved, would benefit from the sharp edges having the drop eradicated with infill.

- g) Areas on the top of the harbour wall at the car park are deteriorating and in need of attention.
- h) The hedges round the Primary School are in need of cutting back, and it would be much appreciated if the school could carry out this work.
- i) It was hoped the overgrown greenery in the car park could be dealt with prior to Bonfire Night.

4, DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday, 29 October, 2012, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.