MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2013 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: C M MacRae (Chair) C Will (Crofters' Rep)

J MacKenna (Vice Chair)

J Sanderson (Vice Chair)

M Jones

Cllr I Campbell

K Earnshaw (NHS)

F McGeachan (NHS)

I Matheson

J Storie 1 Resident

## APOLOGIES were received from G James & M MacKenzie

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mrs Kate Earnshaw and Mrs Fiona McGeachan, NHS representatives who had come, as part of their community engagement process, to give a presentation on Health & Care services: Planning for the Future in Skye, Lochalsh & SW Ross. There are currently 105 services provided by the NHS. It was emphasized, however, that the location of any new facilities is not being considered at this preliminary stage. A copy of the full presentation is attached to these minutes.

## 1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by I Matheson and M Jones respectively.

# Matters arising:

- a) Police Matters No update.
- b) Plockton Play Area No update.
- c) Burnside Area Safety Issue No update. (Action Cllr Campbell)
- d) Station Road It has been established that this road is owned by Highland Council's Housing and Property Service but has not been adopted onto the list of Public Roads and as such, TEC Services as the Roads Authority is not responsible for maintenance. However, a cost estimate for the resurfacing of the road has been prepared and it will be up to the Housing and Property Services to take forward and seek a contribution from Network Rail.
- e) Roads Some patching has been done, but to a very poor standard. No areas requiring attention were marked off beforehand and no rolling had been done afterwards. It was agreed to request Hot Box treatment for remaining problem areas, including Achnandarach. (Action C MacRae to contact S MacVarish)
  - Dog fouling and bins There has been some improvement and general bins are now to be used for all waste. Thanks to Anne MacDonald who met with the

Chairman in Plockton and arranged for missing bins to be replaced. A spare bin has been sourced to replace the one missing at the football pitch. There seems to be a problem with bin lids being blown open.

- There is still no sign at Duirinish. (Action Cllr Campbell)
- Liz MacRae has requested permission to erect a seat below Station House in memory of her husband, Dick. This has been granted. Scottish Water has cut back the whins here.
- f) Church of Scotland Glebe Nothing new to report.
- g) Stromeferry Bypass A drop-in consultation event has been advertised for 27th April in Lochcarron Village Hall. The draft outcomes of the first stage of assessment of options for replacing the A890 Stromeferry Bypass will be presented. Stage two of the study, to identify a preferred option, is expected to be complete by spring 2014.
- h) Church of Scotland Nothing new to report, but S MacVarish has promised to inspect the boundary wall.
  - i) Challenge Fund Request for funding is ongoing. It is hoped that a potential village officer may have been identified.
- j) The Planning Appeal by Scottish Sea Farms for developments at Airigh-Drishaig has been upheld. A letter with fulsome reasons for this has been received.
- k) Duirinish/Duncraig railway fencing very satisfactory preliminary work has been undertaken and fencing should begin soon.
- l) Plockton Railway Station/Plockton High School The Chairman will attend the adoption ceremony on Friday 26 April.
- m) Plockton Craft House no update.
- n) The portacabin behind the church has been removed and replaced by another.
- o) All-Weather Pitch no new developments.
- p) Village clean-up No reply had been received from Plockton High School to the letter inviting participation. Many thanks are extended to all those who gave of their time and effort to this annual and successful event. Skips were full.

q) Hedges behind the primary school still need attention. (Action - C MacRae and the school)

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Recent water problem Delivery of bottled water to households seems to have been rather haphazard, as has the subsequent delivery of questionnaires to householders.
- b) Wheelie bin cleaning service a questionnaire had been received re this potential venture. It was felt that it would be more suitable for commercial businesses.
- c) Highland Council Insurance information for Community Schemes had been received.

## 3. AOB

- a) Concern re the tricky Duirinish Bridge junction after a recent accident. Better signage is required here. (Action C MacRae)
- b) Fence near public toilets is broken and will be repaired by John McGill.
- c) Neil Marshall has offered to tidy up the War Memorial area in preparation for the First World War anniversary year.
- d) Village benches are being renovated by Ewen Cameron.
- e) Untidiness at Rhu after building work no reply had been received from the Planning department.
- f) The sign discouraging the parking of camper vans in the car park needs to be moved to a more prominent position. (Action C MacRae)
- g) Tidal Energy (Kylerhea) Any person with concerns about this project should register interest at <a href="https://www.seagenkylerhea.co.uk">www.seagenkylerhea.co.uk</a> in order to be kept informed.

#### 4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday  $3^{\rm rd}$  June 2013 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

Joy MacKenna Acting Secretary