

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER,
2013 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT :	C.M.MacRae (Chair)	J. Sanderson
	J. MacKenna	G. James (Sec/Treas)
	M. Jones	Const. B. Chalmers (Kyle Police)
	M. MacKenzie	Cllr. I. Campbell
	I. Matheson	

4 Residents

APOLOGIES were received from C. Will (Crofters' Rep)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by I. Matheson and J. Sanderson, respectively.

Matters arising

- a) Police Matters – Const. Chalmers confirmed the noticeable improvement in the levels of petty crime in the area. One thing to be aware of was that there had been instances of the theft of oil supplies. The direct telephone number for the Police is now 101.
- b) Planning Application for Proposed Flats between The Manse and Old Church Court - This Planning Application had been lodged by the Free Church with a view to the proceeds of the possible sale of the land for building being made available towards the purchase of the Church of Scotland. However, owing to the close proximity of the proposed building to Church Court there had been objections from local residents expressing concern primarily at the real possibility of loss of light as this was a two-and-a-half storey construction.

The Chairman had been informed by the Free Church Minister, Roddie Rankin, that prior to applying for Planning Permission the Church had consulted with the Planning Officer to ensure that the design of the building would be acceptable to his Dept. and have minimum impact on neighbours.

Following a discussion amongst the CC members expressing their opinions it was decided that, whilst this was primarily a matter for concerned parties to register their objections and not the CC as a body, members of the CC could register complaints individually.

Annan Dryburgh expressed his disappointment at the lack of advertising given to this application, the main source of advertising now being on the web site.

- c) Co-option of New Member - |Owing to the resignation of Jan Storie it was necessary to co-opt a new member of the CC, and George Glasgow was accordingly unanimously co-opted The Area Manager to be notified.
- d) Burnside Safety Issues – Still waiting, after 19 month, for the Plockton road sign to be re-sited.
- e) Village Play Area – The CC is hoping for an update on progress. Cllr. Campbell confirmed that unfortunately there is no CC funding available for such projects. Alternative sources would have to be sought by the Committee.
- f) Station Road – The CC had written to Jim Holden, CC Asst.Housing Manager North, expressing its support for the residents, and a reply had been received stating that the property owners would be receiving a letter advising them of their share of costs. This was felt to be totally unacceptable.

It was agreed that Scotrail should be approached to make the main contribution towards this work, and the Chairman had emailed the Transport Police to this effect and was awaiting a reply. Mary Scanlon, MSP, has also approached Scotrail. The general feeling was that Scotrail were the primary users of this road and should be the principal subscribers.

- g) Outfalls into the Loch – Photos of the outfalls have been sent to SEPA to highlight the urgency of the matter. The two residents concerned have assured the Chairman that they are progressing the installation of septic tanks.
- h) Village Clean-up – Three skips will be available on 1 Nov. The Primary School children will be assisting with the clean-up which is much appreciated.
- i) Church of Scotland Glebe – Confirmation has been received that the Church of Scotland is now submitting a full planning application, rather than an outline one, to build two semi-detached cottages on the glebe.
- j) Sale of Church of Scotland – An update on the situation will be given after 5 November.
- k) Stromeferry Bypass – A questionnaire had been issued requesting input from local businesses, etc. to assess the impact on any forthcoming works to be carried

out on the bypass. The HC were proposing to block off the road from time to time in order to scale back the cliffs.

Iain Matheson expressed the wish that local businesses should give their comments directly to him to be forwarded.

- l) Litter Bins-As these bins were no longer being emptied by the HC, dog litter would now be placed in the public rubbish bins.
- m) Ward Forum -The Chairman had attended the Ward Forum held in Dornie on 23 September when Sgt. Moxon, Police Scotland, outlined the Ward Policing Plans and priorities, i.e. social behaviour, drugs, violent crime. Paul Edwards, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updated and reviewed current priorities, i.e. accidental house fires, deliberate fires, road traffic collisions and unwanted fire alarm signals.
- n) Village ATM – The Royal Bank had been approached with a view to the installation of an ATM in the village which it was felt would be of benefit to locals and tourists alike. This was being progressed by the bank and it was hoped this facility could be installed in the near future.
- o) Retirement of Duncan Ferguson, Rector PHS – A letter had been written to the Rector expressing thanks and appreciation for all his contribution to both the school and the village, a reply to which had been received conveying his sincere thanks.
- p) Village Bonfire – The Horticultural Soc. was organising this. Many thanks to all concerned.
- q) Perches in Loch – These two perches have been removed.
- r) Portakabin at Sgeir Buidhe – The Chairman confirmed that this could remain on site until the completion of the work.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An invitation had been received to attend the AGM on Skye & Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations taking place on 13 November in Kyleakin Village Hall.
- b) The CC Annual Grant of £812.19 had been received as an administrative grant.
- c) Deaf Services and Hearing Support Team – The Dornie venue is now closed and will re-open in Kyleakin at the Kyleakin Connections Centre at the Old School,

Kyleakin on 5 November, with a subsequent monthly date. The notice will be placed on the village notice boards.

- d) The HC is holding a CC training session in Kyleakin Village Hall on 20 November.
3. AOB
- a) Duirinish – Bridge and manhole cover still awaiting repair. Chairman to action.
 - b) A request would be made to the NTS to arrange for work to be carried out to open up the view to the War Memorial. Chairman to action.
 - c) The Duirinish road sign has still not been replaced. Cllr. Campbell to action.
 - d) The 30 mph signs at Duirinish bridge are in need of re-painting. Chairman to action.
4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday, 3 December, 2013, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

Gill James
Secretary

