

- g) NTS War Memorial – The CC wishes to express its thanks to Gavin Skipper (NTS) and the students of Plockton High School for their hard work in clearing a large area around the War Memorial. This voluntary work takes place on one day per week for a year under the supervision of the NTS.
- h) Campbell’s House – This planning application has been passed. However, it is disappointing that no local planning notifications have yet been received by the CC following a previous request. The Chairman will contact Robbie Bain.
- i) Bins – Further complaints had been received from a local resident re builders’ rubbish being deposited in the bins at the main pier. This will be an ongoing concern as long as there is a lack of facilities in the area for disposing of such waste. There is a need for a Lochalsh recycling centre as Portree is a distant and expensive option. A request has been made to the Enforcement Officer.
- j) Causeway – The Chairman will contact Ewen Cameron again for a quote.
- k) Potholes – There are various potholes in urgent need of attention, eg in Harbour Street, Strathie and the Duirinish Lodge road. The dip in the Duirinish bridge has not been made good. Chairman to take this forward.
- l) Defibrillators – Many thanks are extended to Calum and Jane MacKenzie for their superb fundraising efforts which have realised in excess of £1, 600. As a result, two state of the art defibrillators will now be provided for the village by Lucky2Bhere. Thanks are expressed also to Mike Shucksmith and his company in Yorkshire for providing free training in the use of the above along with a First Aid refresher course. A meal voucher will be given to him as a thank you. J MacKenna will contact the High School to explore the possibility of one of its defibrillators being repositioned on the exterior of the building for public access 24/7. The school has already made these available for public use, but access is limited to opening hours.
- m) All-weather pitch/Lochalsh Sports Association – Cllr Campbell has this matter in hand. John MacDonald is organising a meeting for all interested parties on a date to be arranged in late March/early April, when it is hoped a decision can be made about the way forward.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Drink licences – Plockton Hotel has applied to vary its licensing hours. The deadline for objections is Thursday, 13th March. The Chairman will email George Glasgow who is currently away on holiday.
- b) SAC Renewable Energy – An application form had been received but it is not applicable to this community.

c) CC Insurance policy – paid.

3. AOB

a) Septic Tanks – Two local private properties still have no septic tank. The CC to contact SEPA re the two outfalls as the quality of the seawater and shoreline continues to be affected. A copy of the letter to be sent to the two householders.

b) Village Clean-up – 18th April. Three skips will be provided.

c) Campbell’s House – Awaiting an electrician to disconnect the exterior access lights for the time being.

d) The Haven Hotel – Will be ready for an Easter opening. The CC extends its best wishes to the Henderson family.

e) Litter – It was disappointing to hear of a renewed complaint about litter at the railway station, especially after the adoption of the station by the school pupils. However, senior management is very sympathetic and spot checks are being regularly undertaken.

f) New Street Lights – A resident has complained about the new lights in the approach to the village being very dazzling. The Chairman to make enquiries.

g) New Hospital – This has been endorsed and is to be a “Hub and Spoke” development. The next meeting will be held in Broadford Hotel on 11th March.

h) Service Points Closures – This is the worst decision made by Highland Council and has resulted in feelings of anger and disgust, especially as there has been no consultation whatsoever.

i) Causeway – There is a bad hole at the post office end. There is a request for the installation of a low level light for safety. (Action – Chairman)

j) War Memorial – A request was made for scrub cutting so that the memorial could be visible from the village. The Chairman to contact TEC Services and the British Legion for funding.

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th April 2013 at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

Joy MacKenna
Acting Secretary