MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: C. M. MacRae (Chair) G. Glasgow M. Jones (Vice Chair) M. MacKenzie

J. MacKenna (Vice Chair) G. James (Sec/Treas)

APOLOGIES were received from J. Sanderson.

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by M. Jones and J. MacKenna, respectively.
- a) Police Matters Disappointment was expressed that this was the fourth meeting at which there had been no Police presence and it was hoped this could be rectified..
- b) Village Playpark A copy of the NTS lease for the requisite land had been received, and the project was being progressed.
- c) War Memorials Poor weather had prevented this work being carried out and it was now planned for March.
- d) Roads Areas in need of attention are around the public toilets, the Post Office, 36 Harbour Street, the turning to Duirinish Station, several blocked culverts in the area., the water tobe in front of 42 Harbour St.. It was also noted that water accumulating at the bottom of Little Strathie was causing dangerous icing problems. The work needed on the graveyard wall was still outstanding. *Chair to action*.
- e) All-weather Pitch Update on Lochalsh Sports Association AGM awaited.
- f) New Hospital Ongoing.
- g) Garden Area of Railway Station It would be appreciated if some tidying up work could be carried out by the High School pupils in the Spring.
- h) Stromeferry Bypass A reply had been received from the HC Principal Engineer confirming that the Options Appraisal process has now been completed and progress on the selection of a route was reported to the Development & Infrastructure Committee on 5 Nov. 2014. All relevant information available on the HC website. The CC was extremely disappointed that the update promised for July 2014 would now not be until May 2015.
- i) Bonfire Night Many thanks were expressed to PSBSC for organising a very successful Bonfire Night, and it was noted that the financial position was much improved. Thanks were also expressed to Ewan Cameron and all who helped.

j) Village Skips – These will be in place on 24 April for the village clean-up.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Council Tax By a majority, the CC agreed to back the HC's decision to maintain the freeze on the Council Tax. for the time being.
- b) Skye & Lochalsh Housing Asscn. re two Burnside houses which are available for Shared Equity purchase, and requesting the CC to highlight this information.
- c) The NTS had informed the CC that the Craft House in Cooper St. has now been sold.
- d) Inspector Lynda Allan, Portree Police, who had recently been appointed, had emailed expressing her intention to attend a future CC meeting.

3. AOB

- a) Appreciation was expressed at the kindness and help received from the Red Cross during the recent power cuts. A letter of thanks would be sent to Anne Eadie, the Red Cross Regional Organiser.
- b) There would be a Ward Forum meeting at Plockton Village Hall on Thursday, 22 January, 3.00 to 6.00 pm.
- c) Provisional dates for 2015 CC meetings are as follows: 16 March, 12 May, 22 June, 15 Sept. (AGM), 27 October, 8 December. The CC Elections will take place in November.

4. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held on Monday, 16 March, 2015, at 7.30 pm in Plockton Village Hall.

G. James Secretary