

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLOCKTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL - TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mary Jane Campbell Alexander Mackenzie
 Morag Mackenzie Tristan Southall
 Alex Townend David Skilling (Sec)
 Thomas Maclennan
 Ewan Cameron

Biz Campbell (Highland Council)

1. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

This was the first formal meeting of the new community council and before the meeting began office bearers were elected as follows:

Chairman – Mary Jane Campbell (Proposed: M Mackenzie, Seconded: A Townend)
Treasurer – Alex Townend (Proposed: M Mackenzie, Seconded: T Maclennan)
Secretary – David Skilling (Proposed: M Mackenzie, Seconded: E Cameron)
Vice Chair – Morag Mackenzie (Proposed: MJ Campbell, Seconded: T Maclennan)

Following which two further members were co-opted to the council – Alexander Mackenzie and Tristan Southall.

2. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates of the meetings for the years ahead were agreed as follows: 25/01/16, 14/03/16, 02/05/16, 13/06/16 (AGM), 05/09/16, 10/10/16, 05/12/16

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Morag Mackenzie and seconded by Thomas Maclennan incorporating a minor amendment on the issue of land for sale by the council at Station Road.

a) Police Matters – Apologies received from the Police who had been unable to attend. No issues arising.

b) Roads – Large pothole at the back of the toilets in the village and another on the way out of the village at little Strathy both needing attention. *Action: Biz Campbell*

- 30mph signs at Duirinish need re-sited back towards the quarry to try and slow traffic before it reaches the bridge. *Action: Biz Campbell*

- Cattle grid at Duirinish is split and needs to be repaired and the cattle grid at Burnside needs adjusted as it is very noisy. *Action: Biz Campbell*

- It was noted that a visit from the road-sweeper is required to go to remove leaves etc particularly on Frithard road, Plockton. *Action: Biz Campbell*

c) Burnside Bridge – This has been an on-going safety concern and following the contact noted in the last minutes with Allan Bryce, HC Road Safety Officer it was agreed that the CC would contact him again to ask for an update on reviewing the speed bumps and the solid white line on the bridge. (DS)

In addition it was suggested that a sign should be erected warning of 'oncoming traffic in the middle of the road'. *Action: Biz Campbell noted and CC (DS) to contact Allan Bryce*

d) Painting of No.14 Harbour Street – It was agreed that this would be raised with the Council again. *Action: CC to follow up (DS)*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was a short discussion on previous correspondence including on the Highland-wide Local Development Plan and Biz Campbell also confirmed that the Free Church Planning Application would be up for decision in January. No further correspondence had been received.

5. AOB

a) Lochalsh Sports Assoc – As noted in the last minutes the Lochalsh Sports Assoc is likely to disband due to lack of funds. In addition there are also concerns regarding access to the sports pitches at the High School and insurance provision for community clubs using the pitches. *Action: CC to request update on this issue from June Sanderson (MJ)*

b) Request for glass recycling bins to be placed at Duirinish quarry. *Action: Biz Campbell*

c) Request for bushes to be trimmed on Frithard rd. *Action: CC to contact local contractor (MJ)*

d) Kyle Development Trust – There was a discussion about the Kyle Development Trust and Biz Campbell highlighted the sort of benefits that this could bring to the community. It was agreed that this was worth finding out more about. *Action: CC will look into this.*

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the role of the Community Council and what sort of areas it could focus on and it was agreed that would be picked up again at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 25 January 2016 at 7.30pm in Plockton Village Hall.

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