

Minutes of Plockton & district Community Council AGM - 13 June 2016

Present:

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Tristan Southall, Morag Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie, Alex Townend, Thomas Maclennan, Ewan Cameron, David Skilling, Audrey Sinclair, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative).

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Adopted (proposed by Morag Mackenzie, Seconded by Thomas Maclennan).

2. UPDATE ON ACTIONS

It was agreed that we would chase Highland Council (HC) again on the repair of the Duirinish bridge and contact HC to request an extra bin at Dubhaird (top of path to Coral beach). It was also agreed that going forward hard copies of Community Council minutes would be made available in the Plockton Library. (All actions DS)

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mary Jane (MJ) gave a brief report given the short time the new Community Council has been in place and began her report by thanking Ewan Cameron for all his work in the village over the last year and Ewan was gifted with a meal for two at the Shores restaurant as a token of thanks.

MJ also noted that during the last year the Community Council had contributed funding to the Primary school for their trip to Edinburgh and noted that she had arranged the renewal of the Plockton playpark planning application in order to save them money.

MJ said that the Community Council would continue to look at key issues affecting the village over the coming year.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alex Townend (AT) presented the audited Community Council accounts. A copy of these accounts will be made available in the library with this set of minutes. Key point noted and discussed was that the Council ran a £1200 deficit in the year 15/16 and while there were some 'one off' costs, this would need to be closely monitored going forward.

There was also some discussion on the reduced grant the Community Councils will get from Highland Council in the year ahead and the how the Secretarial allowance would be used.

Adopted (Proposed: Mary Jane Campbell, Seconded: Ewan Cameron)

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All present agreed, given the short time the new Council has been in place that current office bearers will remain in post.

6. PLOCKTON WEBSITE

Discussion on the plockton.org website that Martin Allan is working on. It was agreed that Tristan and Mary Jane will discuss the website with Martin to clarify a number of issues. I was also agreed that DS will make sure the generic Plockton Secretary email address is working and request that other personal addresses are removed from the site. (Action: DS, MJ, TS)

7. PLANNING

The CC noted planning applications since the last meeting for a house at Duncraig, a croft shed at Dubhaird and the Plockton Playpark. It was also agreed that DS would continue to circulate planning lists to Council members as they come in.

8. AOCB

- Discussion on frequency of village grass cutting and who is responsible for which areas. Also discussion on Harbour Association contribution. (AT is taking forward)
- Chase HC on repair of Duirinish Bridge and Plockton cattle grid. (DS)
- Whins at roadside between Plockton and Duirinish need cut back. (DS)
- New road sign needed at wee Strathy plus clearance of growth at roadside to increase visibility. (DS)

- Discussion on parking issues within the village and Keep Clear boxes. No action decided (MJ)
- Whin clearance on the island to be included in autumn village clear-up.
- Discussion about overnight parking of campervans in the carpark and CC were informed that this is advisory and not enforceable.
- New digital speed limit sign needs repaired. (DS)
- E-mail from Alison French re airstrip. MJ to answer that CC cannot own assets at present.

Future meetings:

5th September, 10th October, 5th December.