

Plockton and District Community Council meeting

22 January 2018

Present

Mary Jane Campbell (Chair), Thomas MacLennan, Tristan Southall, Morag MacKenzie, Ewan Cameron
Jane Camp

Apologies

Alexander MacKenzie, Alex Townend, Catherine Will (Crofting Representative), Ian Turnbull, Councillor
Isabelle Campbell.

Minutes of 11 December 2017

Adopted with amendments

Update On Actions

A letter will be sent to Marine Harvest to enquire about the hiring of local cleaners.

The secretary reported she has not yet sent the letters discussed in the previous meeting.

A member of the community expressed disappointment at the quality of the grass cutting. A discussion ensued, it was explained that the contract had been put out to tender. The awarded contractor gave the Council considerable savings. In addition, there are areas that done by the Highland Council, there is a map of the areas and who is responsible for their cutting. It was reported that AT had turned down a donation from the Harbour Assoc.

Action: Request the map is available and that the harbour Assoc is approached about a donation.

Police Report

Currently nothing to report.

Planning Matters

There is a planning request to subdivide a property in Duncraig Square. No objections were noted by the members.

Finance

AT gave a report via email, that there are no changes.

At the December meeting it had been agreed to provide donations to two special projects. There was a discussion regarding the process for requesting donations and the criteria for determining the appropriate projects for the council to support. It was decided that general guidelines should be available for distribution, that requests should be in writing, with an annual round of considering requests. The Council should ensure the projects provide the widest possible benefit to the community, improve amenities and are in the area covered by the Council.

Roads

The Chair reported that the estimates for repair work had been accepted and work should begin weather permitting.

The current state of the roads was again discussed as the surface has continued to deteriorate on previously mentioned roads.

This can be done at the following link:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/roadside_problems

Or by calling: **Roads, flooding and street lighting 01349 886601**

MM reported that the bus shelter in Duirnish is falling apart and unsafe. The bus shelter in Drumbuie is in need of refelting.

Action: notice should be placed on the notice board to inform and encourage local residents to report the road problems. Members of the village and surrounding area are encouraged to report roads issues directly to the Council on the link provided or by phone at the above number.

Septic Tanks

There was nothing to report at this time as SEPA has not yet contacted the Chair.

Action: MJC to follow up with SEPA.

Village Consultation

A meeting has not yet taken place regarding the consultation and way forward. TS is willing to support this, but not in position to lead this process. Ian Turnbull has encouraged this piece of work, as discussion ensued and it was agreed that a meeting with the crofters, NTS and the council should be arranged to discuss the consultation and the way forward.

Action: MJC to communicate with groups and agree a date and support the meeting.

Paddock

The closing date for the sale of the Paddock was 19th January 2018. A friend of of Plockton has put in an offer to purchase for the community as a long term investment. The land would be leased to the community with stipulations on the use and maintenance of the land. The Council will await the outcome of the bidding process.

Street Lights

Nothing to report.

Fireworks

The two volunteers who have agreed to co-ordinate and organise the food and drink at the future firework events are Sue Atkinson and Harry Taylor.

The license and insurance for the future fireworks will be required. TM has agreed to follow this up.

AOCB

The post office in Plockton is available to receive deposits for UK banks if any local householders are unable to be here for the mobile bank.

The Janitors House at the High School is currently unoccupied.

Action: MJC will contact the High School to enquire about future plans.

The issue of the cows returning to the village was discussed. The villagers will need to ensure their property has livestock fencing to ensure the animals do not access gardens and private property. The cost of fencing was discussed in relation to the benefit of cows returning to the village. The amount of grazing available was also discussed, as some areas previously grazed are private land that is now fenced. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the crofters to organise a meeting with the village to discuss concerns.

Action: Secretary to write to the crofting committee to request a meeting between crofters and villagers.

A foresting consultation paper had been received by the council from Duncan Scott of Tilhill Forestry. This was briefly discussed and the membership requested this be circulated for feedback.

Meetings for 2018

12th March 2018

23rd April 2018

11th June 2018 AGM

10th September 2018

22nd October 2018

10th December 2018

Next PCC meeting: 12th March 2018