

MINUTES OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING 29.4.19

PRESENT : MJ CAMPBELL( CHAIR)( MJC), A TOWNEND(AT), C WILL ( CROFTERS REP)(CW), M MACKENZIE(MM) , T MACLENNAN(TM), E CAMERON(EC), T SOUTHALL(TS), J MACLEAN(MINUTE SECY) .

1. APOLOGIES: COUNCILLOR BIZ CAMPBELL, A MACKENZIE.
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING : Adopted by TS and 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM. Amendment – Gas certificate ( for Barbecue at Fireworks) cost £103.68 .
3. UPDATE ON ACTIONS – New benches have been placed in front of no 36 Harbour street and next to the Playpark; MJ has written to the crofters requesting a meeting but has so far received no reply.
4. PLANNING MATTERS –Application by Plockton High School Extension to Room 15. Application by Forestry for Forest track at Achnandarach.
5. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Treasurers account - £947.00. Fireworks Account - £2560.00. Special Projects Account - £2646.00.
6. ROADS - Plockton is now under Dingwall for Roads and their white line machine is broken. CC noted that some patching has been done recently on the roads. CC would encourage members of the public to complain online to the council about the state of the roads. The council is to be notified of damage to a stone wall which is dangerous. TS suggested attaching the list of road repairs to the minutes every time.
7. SKIPS – 2 Skips will arrive at the car park on Friday 10 May which will be manned at all times. Plockton Primary School to be contacted re village clean up on that day. Notices will be posted about the village clean up.
8. BENCHES – Now in place. CC would like to thank Maureen Leask for donation of a bench in memory of her husband Dughall. A bench has also been purchased by the local fishermen in memory of Bruce Fewell.
9. SEPTIC TANK – A MacKay planning application has been refused. CC to write to A MacKay again.(MJ to action this)
10. AOCB – GRASS CUTTING – AT stated he is no longer going to organise this. TS stated that there was an offer from the Harbour Association of £1400 to cover the costs. MJ stated that, with the ending of the 15 year agreement between the National Trust and the Community Council, the upkeep of the grass is once again the responsibility of the crofters and the Harbour Association is therefore offering to cut the crofters' grass. MM explained in some detail the rights of crofters and the importance of retaining them in what is described by the National Trust as "a crofting and cultural" area. She suggested that incomers to the district perhaps did not understand the importance of this history and way of life. CW stated that the crofters had not been consulted yet as to whether they wanted to have another meeting, but intimated that she would not be keen to experience the vitriol aimed at the crofters at the October meeting again or expect any of the other crofters to do so. The minutes from that meeting have now been submitted to the CC for circulation. She explained that the cows will be coming into the village in due course for a trial period. AT attempted to make a point but was reminded by TS of his conflict of interest. No grass cutting in the meantime although areas like the paths up to the Brae will need to be cut back.  
DOG DIRT – MJ noted that this appears to be getting worse.  
GUN AINM – An occasional licence has been granted till mid July. TS stated signage should be as per planning application.  
LETTERS – MJ has had letter about proposed changes to the CC boundaries. See link –

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14 HARBOUR STREET – MJ to write to HC re this property to see if the house is sold that money raised is ring fenced for housing in the community.

CC to approach hall committee about installing an Electric charging point at the hall, as there has been a complaint about the noise from the chip van generator.

NEXT MEETING will take place on Monday 10 June at 7.30pm which will be the AGM.