

MINUTES OF PLOCKTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL 7.30 PM
26.08.19

PRESENT : MARY JANE CAMPBELL(CHAIRPERSON) (MJ), TRISTAN SOUTHALL(TS), ALEXANDER MACKENZIE(AM), EWAN CAMERON(EW), CATHERINE WILL(CW) (CROFTERS REP) , PC DAVE MOCKETT(POLICE), JOHANNA MACLEAN (CLERK). 9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. APOLOGIES – COUNCILLOR BIZ CAMPBELL, DEREK REID (POLICE)
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING ADOPTED BY EW AND SECONDED BY AM.
3. UPDATE ON ACTIONS – NONE AS LAST MEETING WAS CLOSED DUE TO RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.
4. PLANNING MATTERS – 12 HARBOUR ST – IT WAS NOTED THAT THE EXTENDED LICENCE WAS GRANTED. PLOCKTON INN EXTENSION - A LETTER OF OBJECTION HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND POINTS IN THAT LETTER WERE ADDRESSED TO MR KENNY GOLLAN WHO WAS PRESENT. HE CLARIFIED THAT THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL PLANNING APPLICATION AND THAT 5 ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES WERE TO BE PROVIDED AND THAT ACCESS WOULD BE FROM BANK STREET AND NOT FROM THE LANE BETWEEN THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE AND THE CHURCH. HE ALSO STATED THAT NO HISTORIC WALLS WERE NOW GOING TO BE DISMANTLED DURING THE BUILDING OF THE EXTENSION. HE SAID THE PLANNERS WERE HAPPY. THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE PARKING FOR ALL THE EXTRA ROOMS.
5. FINANCE UPDATE – TREASURERS ACCOUNT – £1297.17
FIREWORKS ACCOUNT - £2161.06
SPECIAL PROJECTS – £2646.70
PAYMENT OF. £99.00 FOR WEBSITE.
6. ROADS UPDATE - STILL NO WORK DONE ON STRATHY OR ON THE WHITE LINES WHICH ARE THE PRIORITY. COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL AND GORDON MACDONALD WERE GOING TO BE DOING A SURVEY OF THE ROADS. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ASKED WHY THERE WAS NO ZEBRA CROSSING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HE WAS TOLD THE WORK AT THE SCHOOL WAS ONLY RECENTLY COMPLETED AND PC MOCKETT SAID IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF LOCAL RESTRICTIONS ALREADY IN PLACE. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED TO THE PC ABOUT THE GREEN STRIP ON THE RAILWAY BRIDGE WHICH HAS BEEN ON CC AGENDAS FOR MANY YEARS AS IT IS UNSATISFACTORY IN ITS PRESENT STATE. PC MOCKETT TO LOOK INTO THIS.

7. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – CURRENT CC MEMBERS WILL ALL BE STANDING DOWN. TIMETABLE FOR NOMINATIONS TO BE PUBLICISED IN ALL VILLAGES ACROSS THE CC AREA, ON WEBSITE AND ON PLOCKTON FB PAGE.
8. RETURN OF COWS – CC HAVE HAD A MEETING WITH I TURNBULL (NTS) WHO IS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE AT MEETINGS WITH THE CROFTERS BUT WILL NOT TAKE THE LEAD. CW STATED THAT FOLLOWING A CROFTERS MEETING , THEY HAVE AGREED TO MEET WITH THE CC AND NTS.
9. GRASS CUTTING – NO GRASS CUTTING HAS TAKEN PLACE THIS SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE.
10. PARKING ON HARBOUR STREET – AM STATED THAT IT WAS WORSE THAN EVER THIS YEAR. NOT ENOUGH SPACE IN THE CARPARK DURING THE DAY, CAMPERVANS PARKING IN THE CARPARK OVERNIGHT DESPITE THERE BEING A NOTICE PROHIBITING THIS. BOATS AND TRAILERS TAKING UP SOME SPACE. CC MUST KEEP APPEALING TO HC TO HELP. THE ISSUE OF THE CAMPERVANS BEING IN THE CARPARK OVERNIGHT IS A HIGHLAND COUNCIL ISSUE AS ITS THEIR CAR PARK. COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT GETTING A TRAFFIC CONTROL CONSULTATION DONE WHICH WOULD THEN PRESENT THE CC WITH SOME OPTIONS. CHARGING THE CAMPERVANS FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS WAS SUGGESTED BUT AS IT IS STILL A HC CARPARK, THAT'S NOT AN OPTION. NEW CAR PARK EXTENSION WITH SPACES FOR THE CAMPERVANS INCLUDED COULD HELP.
11. AOCB – COMPLAINT ABOUT BINS AT HARBOUR NOT BEING EMPTIED – TS ASKED IF MORE BINS NEEDED. JANE BUCKLEY SAID THAT THE BINS ARE USED BY VISITING YACHTS HEAVILY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT EMPTIED REGULARLY THEY SMELL TERRIBLY. MJ HAD SPOKEN TO THE BIN MEN TODAY AND THEY COULD NOT EMPTY THEM DUE TO A VAN BEING PARKED IN FRONT , BUT THEY ARE COMING BACK TOMORROW. A LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PLAY PARK COMMITTEE ASKING FOR A DONATION, AS THEY NEED MORE BARK FOR THE PLAYPARK. THEY WERE ASKED TO LOOK INTO ALTERNATIVES TO THE BARK AND BRING FIGURES TO THE NEXT MEETING AS IT WAS FELT IT WAS NOT VIABLE. £250.00 WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE CLOSING OF THE RHUDHA MOR PATH, WITH NOTICES STATING THAT LIVESTOCK IS ROAMING FREE. AN EMAIL IS TO BE SENT TO JANE CAMP ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE POSITION AT RHUDHA MOR AND ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT DUNCAN KENNEDY IS THE ACCESS OFFICER AT PORTREE. TS STATED THAT CORRESPONDENCE HAD BEEN RECEIVED

ABOUT THE FLYING OF DRONES ABOVE PRIVATE PROPERTY, ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF THIS AND INVASION OF PRIVACY . PC IS GOING TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND SEND IT TO CC. TS TO REPLY. AM MENTIONED THAT THE TELEPHONE KIOSK AT DUIRINISH AND PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL ARE EARMARKED FOR REMOVAL . MORAG MACKENZIE SAID THAT THEY CAN BE BOUGHT FOR £1, AND THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND GET A DEFIBRILLATOR PUT INTO THE ONE IN DUIRINISH. THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE CC FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ONE OUTSIDE PHS. M MACKENZIE MENTIONED THE BRIDGE AT DUIRINISH IS NEEDING REPAIRED , AS IS ONE FURTHER UP THE ROAD TO BALMACARA. CC IS TO WRITE TO THE COMPANY THAT DELIVERS OIL TO THE AIRSTRIP AS THEIR VEHICLE HAS HIT THE BRIDGE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.

12.DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7 OCTOBER 2019.