

MINUTES OF
PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
9.3.2020

PRESENT: DAVE MCGHIE(CHAIR) -DM, JAMES KRISP-JK, CAT CAMP-CC, PETER MACKENZIE-PM, EOIN CAMERON-EC, FIONA MACKENZIE-FM, IAN HAY-IH, ROBBIE BAIN (WARD MANAGER HIGHLAND COUNCIL) JOHANNA MACLEAN (CLERK)

CATHERINE WILL – CW (CROFTERS REP) Associate Member

APOLOGIES: COUNCILLOR BIZ CAMPBELL

6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - PROPOSED BY JAMES KRISP SECONDED BY EOIN CAMERON
2. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

D MCGHIE HAD WRITTEN TO HARBOURS ASSOCIATION, CROFTERS AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY INVITING THEM TO BECOME ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THEY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY WILL JOIN.

DM ALSO INVITED PLOCKTON PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL WHO ARE YET TO RESPOND.

IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT MORAG MACKENZIE WOULD BE INVITED TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

ACTION DM

IT WAS AGREED THAT A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO CHIEF INSPECTOR LYNDA ALLEN INVITING A POLICE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. THE NTS ARE ALSO TO BE INVITED.

ACTION DM

14 HARBOUR STREET – SEE ITEM 8

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – CURRENT ACCOUNT - £899.47(998.47 - £99 OWED TO CHAIRMAN)
SPECIAL PROJECTS - £2647.37
FIREWORKS ACCOUNT - £2261.27

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE GRANT FROM HIGHLAND COUNCIL WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT £414.00. THE MINUTE SECRETARY AGREED TO BE PAID £25.00 PER MEETING.

4. **PLANNING**
NO APPLICATIONS

5. **LICENSING**

DUNCRAIG CASTLE – THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAVE NO COMMENTS

6. **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

PROPOSED ROUTE FOR STROME BYPASS - IAN HAY TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DECISION THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

NOTE FROM CHARLIE MACRAE ON VILLAGE CONCERNS

CAR PARKING – THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED A QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING PROPOSALS TO CHARGE FOR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE CAR PARK. RESDPONSE DUE BY 30TH MARCH.

PETER MACKENZIE WILL COLLATE THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

ACTION PM

CATTLE IN THE VILLAGE – A MEETING WAS HELD RECENTLY BETWEEN HSE AND THE CROFTERS. THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE NO FURTHER INVOLVEMENT WHILE WE WAIT THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING.

POST MEETING NOTE

ON TUESDAY THE 10TH OF MARCH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM SIMON DUNFORD HM INSPECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNING MOVEMENT OF CATTLE IN THE VILLAGE. THE NOTE IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

7. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

BANK MANDATE – NEW SIGNATORIES ON THE ACCOUNT WILL BE DAVE MCGHIE, CAT CAMP, EOIN CAMERON AND FIONA MACKENZIE. PROPOSED BY JAMES KRISP AND SECONDED BY PETER MACKENZIE.

ACTION CC

IT AND PLOCKTON.ORG

A SUB COMMITTEE OF PETER MACKENZIE AND JAMES KRISP WILL DEAL WITH THIS.

ACTION JK, PM

8. **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

14 HARBOUR STREET – LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM DAVID GOULDIE OFFERING TO MEET WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS PROPERTY. HE STATED IN HIS LETTER THAT THE JANITORS HOUSE IS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO BECOME A COUNCIL HOUSE.

ROADS

STRATHY ROAD CONDITION – HAS BEEN PATCHED RECENTLY

WHITE LINE PAINTING

POT HOLES

DRAINAGE GULLIES BLOCKED

IMPROVED SIGNAGE TO STOP CAMPER VANS GOING THROUGH VILLAGE

DUIRINISH BRIDGE – STILL NOT REPAIRED

DALL - ISSUE ABOUT MUD HEAP AND PROBABLY CAUSED BY SCOTTISH WATER VAN ACCESS

ACTION – IAN HAY TO SET UP A MEETING WITH ROADS DEPT ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

GENERAL

SEPTIC TANK AT RHU

ACTION – DM TO WRITE TO K MACKAY.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP AND SKIPS – DATE TO BE SET

ACTION – JK, CC

VILLAGE BENCHES MAINTENANCE -ASSESSMENT AND COST OF REPAIRS

ACTION EC

GRASS CUTTING – COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND CROFTERS TO HAVE MEETING

ACTION – DM, CW

CAR PARK EXTENSION

RB SAID FINANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO EXTEND/ ENHANCE CAR PARK AND THAT A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP MAY BE POSSIBLE

ACTION – D M AND IH TO WRITE TO COUNCIL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

CARE HOME IN THE AREA – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AIRD FERRY DORNIE

ACTION – FM

9. **AOCB**

WAR MEMORIAL WALL – LETTER OF THANKS TO P MCKENNA FOR ASSISTANCE

ACTION – D MCGHIE

IAN HAY PROPOSED THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT GO ABOVE AND BEYOND BE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR WORK.

JAMES KRISP ASKED ABOUT THE CATTLE GRID AT CEANN AN UIB.

ACTION DM - LETTER TO PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER SUSAN GALLOWAY AS THIS IS AN EDUCATION DEPT ISSUE.

COWS – COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF MEETING WITH HSE AND CROFTERS.

ARD A MHORAIR – MAINTENANCE OF THE SITE – THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CANNOT INTERFERE.

PADDOCK – NO PROGRESS IN THE REMOVAL OF SHED

RHU MOR ACCESS – THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE HALL ON MARCH 26TH AT 7PM TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

TREE AT CHURCH – A TOWNEND SAID ITS ROTTEN AND IS DANGEROUS

ACTION – I HAY TO INFORM COUNCIL. D MCGHIE TO INFORM NTS.

SIGNAGE

WELCOME TO PLOCKTON SIGN – NEEDS PAINTING?

ACCIDENT DAMAGED SIGN OPPOSITE BACK STRATH JUNCTION.

RAILWAY BRIDGE SIGNS

DAMAGED ROD SIGNS

30 MPH SIGNS DUIRINISH – COMMUNITY WANT 20 MPH

ACTION – IAN HAY TO MEET ROAD SAFETY OFFICER FOR THESE ISSUES.

AUSTIN BOYLE ASKED ABOUT BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BUSINESSES AT THE CARPARK

ACTION – D MCGHIE IAN HAY

ISSUES REGARDING SIGNAGE, PATHS, NOTICE BOARDS, ETC WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NTS

ACTION – D MCGHIE.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
MONDAY 11 MAY 7.30 PM

Email from Simon Dunford HM Inspector of Health and Safety, Field Operations
Division – Team North

Plockton and District Community Council

Mr Mcghie,

I agreed to provide an update to the community council regarding the above matter once further internal HSE discussions had taken place. A further internal HSE meeting was held today and attended by the Principal Inspector for the area, Head of Operations for Scotland and Principal Inspector for HSE's agriculture/ livestock team.

As discussed previously, if it is necessary for cattle to be grazed within the village it is the livestock owner's responsibility to ensure that this is done without putting members of the public (and particularly high risk areas such as school grounds) at additional risk. I have now received confirmation from the crofter's involved that this will be achieved by installing temporary (electric) fencing around the area if cattle are grazed within the village. Therefore, cattle should only be outwith the fencing when they are being moved between grazing areas (within the village) and at this time they must be directly attended by the crofters. HSE deems these measures to be acceptable as long as they are effectively implemented and adhered to. However, if there is evidence that these measures are not being followed HSE would take formal enforcement action – this would likely be in the form of a Prohibition Notice.

I hope this provides clarity on the precautions that the crofters are required to take.

If you wish to discuss any of these points further please contact me.

Regards,

Simon

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