

# Plockton and District Community Council

## **Minutes of the Plockton & District Community Council AGM**

**14 June 2021**

Present: D McGhie (Chair), I Hay, P Mackenzie, C Camp, J Krisp, M Mackenzie, A Townend, Biz Campbell (Councillor), J Maclean (Clerk)

Apologies: F Mackenzie, E Cameron

1. Minutes of Previous AGM adopted by JK and seconded by IH.
2. Chairperson's report attached.
3. Treasurer's report – Accounts up to March 2021 have been audited and a copy will be sent to Dot Ferguson to get £400 grant from Highland Council.  
Balances – Treasurer's Account £1363.86, Special Account £2899.02, Fireworks Accounts £2544.98. Accounts adopted by JK and seconded by PMK
4. Election of Office Bearers – Biz Campbell briefly took the Chair. David McGhie was nominated as Chair by IH and seconded by JK. Cat Camp was nominated as Treasurer by DM and seconded by JK. IH called for a vote of thanks to D McGhie (Chair) for the past year.
5. Date of next AGM - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Chairman's report.

The past year has been difficult due to the pandemic restrictions. The last face to face meeting was in March 2020 and we held our first remote (Zoom) meeting in October. Business continued throughout.

We have provided support to the formation of the Plockton & District Development Trust and will continue to work with the Trust in the future. In conjunction with the Trust and with support from Councillor Biz Campbell we were successful in the retention of 14 Harbour Street (Dans House) as a property on the social housing register. The former Janitors house at the high school is also remaining as social housing. Both properties are awaiting refurbishment.

We have started participation process with Highland Council again in conjunction with the Trust. The focus of the participation is traffic and parking in the CC area, Duirinish and Plockton. This process has been delayed buy Covid restrictions.

On March the 17<sup>th</sup> we hosted a Virtual Roadshow in conjunction Lochalsh Collaborates and the Plockton Development Trust. The roadshow was well attended over fifty participants. The purpose of the meeting was to provide input and views to future development for the whole of Lochalsh and the creation of a community action plan.

Future meetings will be virtual until further guidance is received.

David McGhie  
Chairman

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1. Minutes of the last meeting adopted by PMK and seconded by JK.
2. Treasurer's report - Balances – Treasurer's Account £280.07 Special Account £2560.06, Fireworks Accounts £2544.98.
3. Planning – Letter from Angie Campbell concerning proposed development of Cooper Street. As the Community Council has only received one objection and this is a limited private development on a plot with outline planning. The meeting felt that there was insufficient support for an objection on “behalf of the Community”. DM will write to Angie to inform her of this.
4. Licensing – no applications received.
5. Correspondence – all correspondence distributed to members and relevant parties.
6. Actions from previous meetings:
  - Letter to NTS – response received was that it was not their problem. The CC will consider any further action
  - IH thanked AT (Clerk to Grazings for not having put up as many fences in Plockton this summer).
  - Welcome to Plockton Sign – ongoing.
  - Bench Maintenance – IH has repaired and painted two benches. A broken bench in front of Edmunds is to be replaced by PHCIC. IH requested help with maintenance.
  - Village Skips/Recycling – ongoing. JK has made some progress in finding a route for disposing of white goods.
  - Salting & Gritting – JK to action.
  - Gritting Budget – Biz Campbell reported that a new machine is to be purchased to fill in potholes. PMK has done a pothole survey from Plockton to Burnside and has reported that some have been filled in but some haven't. MMK reported that Barley Port road is in an appalling state. IH reported lack of manpower at HC. IH requested everyone report potholes.
7. General Business:
  - High school defibrillator relocation – the defibrillator has been relocated to the outside of the High School making it accessible to all. The total cost was £677.92, half paid by the CC and half paid by the Harbour Association.
  - Roads Update – the survey to Plockton High School Railway Bridge – ongoing.
  - Speed limit check Duirinish - wires were placed across the road to monitor speed. PMK requested a dead end sign for Frithard Road/Camus an Arhair – IH to action.
  - Road signs, white line marking – IH to e-mail B Campbell with the list.

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Parking exclusion trial at PPS – Trial with cones on the road following a near accident at the school – this is under review. Several complaints received by the CC following this trial. The CC are broadly in support of the trial but hear concerns from residents in the village and will work with PPS, Road Safety and the Police to achieve a solution.

Naming of Broadford Hospital – nominations are requested.

Use of bins at the main pier area – concerns received from members of the public about parking in front of the bins and then the bin lorry being unable to empty them. Biz Campbell also reported that there is no money for a recycling centre in Lochalsh. CC will keep pushing for this.

Highland Council collaboration meeting – the second meeting is planned for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Dog poo signs – PMK and FMK are sourcing signs to encourage people to clean up after their dog for notice boards and key problem areas

PMK reported there are 18 bins for dog poo/general rubbish in the village.

Biz Campbell also reported that there are dog wardens and country rangers available to help and the CC agreed and BC to action.

### 8. AOCB

CC would like to thank Maureen Leask for the donation of a bench in memory of her husband – the bench has been placed at the starting line.

AT reported that the crofters had put up public information signs around the village which have been removed by someone.

Date of Next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.