

Minutes of

PLOCKTON and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 14/3/2022

PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Peter Mackenzie, Ian Hay, Eoin Cameron, Fiona Mackenzie

Apologies : James Krisp, Cat Camp

Public- Alex Townend, Martin Bliss and Councillor Campbell.

1. Election of a new member. Duncan Gass was elected unanimously to the Community Council.
2. Minutes of previous meeting – an amendment to last minutes – to clarify that there is no requirement to contact NT or Crofting Common Grazing re permission to clear the area above the car park/below Bank street. This is owned by Highland Council. Minutes proposed by FMK, seconded by IH.
3. Treasurer's Report – No report. Last report was January 2022. Committee agreed that this was unacceptable and the report should be emailed at the very least.
4. Parking/Roads and Camper Van signs etc. IH has been in contact with Shane Manning at Highland Council. Signs advising Camper Vans that Harbour Street and beyond are not suitable for them are to be in place by Easter. Discussion on a similar sign at the railway bridge. Lining of Harbour Street and Cooper Street is in hand, as are the parking measures at the primary school. Everything is expected to be in place by Easter but IH further will update at the next CC meeting which is before Easter. IH is intending meeting with all interested parties, Harbour Board, Fishermen, PDT etc. Sign at wee Strathy has been fixed, whins and undergrowth have been extensively cleared on Strathy and Duirinish road. Temporary barrier in place in hole in wall on left on road up to the station. Highland Council sourcing quotes to repair stone wall further on. Tall trees on road embankment in Harbour shed area to be removed if

deemed dangerous and the bank tidied up. Andy Bone of HC indicated to IH that this was all in hand and imminent. IH has found out from HC that there is a 10 year guarantee on the recent road patching/repair. Likely that the contractor will return soon. Duirinish bridge repairs will be carried out in next 2 weeks. Duirinish station road repairs scheduled for the summer. Temporary Traffic Calming measures/scheme are being considered for Harbour Street. Repairs to broken wooden fence east of Craig towards Achmore underway. IH will discuss with HC possible alternative position for new poles in car park for parking signs and machines. Biz Campbell pointed out that 50% of all monies resulting from parking charges etc comes back to the community. IH to clarify with HC, Plockton Harbour board , fishermen etc as to the ongoing validity of informal arrangements surrounding long/short term boat and trailer parking.

5. Rhu Sewage discharge issue – Tigh na Mara is to submit a new planning permission application for a septic tank. Previous permission has lapsed and planning would not renew original.
6. Benches. No update as to the benches being donated by Kishorn Port Limited. It was agreed that PM informs Plockton Hall Committee to place their benches where they think suitable.
7. Highland Council discretionary budget – PM to submit requests for funding to Biz Campbell before next meeting.
8. Defibrillator maintenance and responsibility. – Morag Amos at Achnandarach is leading an effort to raise funds for a Defibrillator. PM proposed that PDCC assumes a role of overall supervision of the 4 existing Defibrillators in the Plockton & District Community Council area. Namely, Plockton High School, Plockton Village Hall, outside PSBSC boat house and Duirinish . Plockton High School has already agreed . PM and FMk taking on the responsibilities.
9. AOB – Martin Bliss was appointed as an Associate member of PDCC representing the local Fishermen. IH asked if there had been any more information on the Cycle event or the £800 grant pertaining to that. No information is available. JK has been organising but the CC has no new information. James Krisp will be asked to elaborate. Duncan Gass suggested Duncraig Castle as an occasional alternative venue for meetings. Alex Townend

brought to the committee's attention the Planning Permission being sought by Rudha Mor for the change of use of land for the siting of a food trailer.

Date of next meeting – 11th April 2022