

## **Minutes of**

### **PLOCKTON and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 11/7/2022**

#### **DUNCRAIG CASTLE**

PRESENT: Peter Mackenzie, Ian Hay, Eoin Cameron, Fiona Mackenzie, Martin Bliss, Duncan Gass, Alex Henry

Apologies : Johanna Maclean

Public- Alex Townend, Mary Gollan

1. Election of a new member. With regret the Chair accepted the resignation of Duncan Gass from the CC. Mary Gollan was co-opted by unanimous vote. PM proposed MG for the vacant Treasurer position . IH seconded.
2. Minutes of previous meeting – Minutes proposed by IH, seconded by MB.
3. Treasurer's Report – Nothing to report other than the payment of £320.00 received from the departing Plockton Inn owners from the Fireworks collection Jar.
4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes –  
£800 bicycle grant. MB to contact Ian Mackay from Kyle to establish what, if anything, he understands about the purpose of this award. PM stated that he had made Alex Glasgow aware of the availability of these funds which could be used for Community Bicycle events/promotion.  
Defibrillator Checks/Supervision – PM has carried out 1<sup>st</sup> PDCC checks on the DEfib units at the High School, PSBSC Boat Shed and Plockton Hall. All 3 units are in proper working order but the Pads at the School unit show an expiry of April 2021, the Boat Shed pads show an expiry of January 2022. The Hall pads are good through April 2024. PM stated that it takes 5 minutes maximum to carry out the checks at each location. PM will continue to check on a monthly basis until the next meeting, where a discussion on a rota can be decided and/or the

involvement of volunteers. The out of date pads will be replaced by the CC. Further funding is being sourced, principally SSE and Highland Council.

Achnandarach has raised money for a Defib and the CC will support them.

A shelter/cover will be built for the DeFib and the CC can fund this now but will also continue to source funds.

PM has contacted HC about a larger bin for the Coral Beach car park and for a bottle bank for Duirinish.

5. Plockton and District Housing Needs Questionnaire - this form is available on plockton.org or at <https://forms.office.com/r/hsVenr6kUF> Hard copies are also available at the Plockton paper/Knitters shop and also at the Croft Café in Duirinish. Details will also be posted on the various notice boards. ALL FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

PM stressed that this is a Housing NEEDS/REQUIREMENTS form not an opportunity to express opinions.

PM also indicated that following discussion with Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association, the proposed Shinty pitch development was heading to a Public Consultation stage.

6. Parking and Traffic Management – Despite promises from Highland Council that the Parking/Waiting Restrictions for the Primary School and the Double Yellow Lining of the “Keep Clears” would be carried out by last Easter, nothing had happened. IH contacted Shane Manning at HC and pushed for these works to be carried out. This happened on 4<sup>th</sup> July and unfortunately without agreement or consultation with the CC, a continuous Double Yellow line was applied along the length of Harbour Street up to the Village Hall. This has been recognised as a mistake by HC and will be removed/covered. The other lining was applied properly. Signs for the restrictions at the Primary School have not been erected as yet.

IH stated that all the latest input/ideas for the car park extension had been submitted to HC for them to draw up plans.

IH has contacted Ian Moncreiff of HC about the awful state of repair and potholes on Innis Ruairaidh in particular but in effect all the way to the High School.

IH was assured that work on repair was imminent. MB stated that there were 58 potholes between the Plockton Car park and the Railway Bridge. IH stated that he had talked to Andy Bone of HC about the Duirinish Bridge repair, the wall repair between the War memorial and the Duncraig path, the missing replacement warning sign before the junction to Duncraig/Achmore etc. All these matters have been outstanding for some time.

PM and IH will compose a complaint to HC emphasising the lack of action, response and attitude from HC.

AH is sourcing artwork/graphics to replace/renew Plockton Jewel of the Highlands sign. Once the artwork is obtained IH will approach HC for funding for the sign.

IH has been assisting Andy Bone with the Traffic Order for 20mph signs for Duirinish. IH also pushing HC for a replacement bus shelter for Duirinish.

IH has emailed HC about replacement fences at the back of the High School.

PM will ask HC for a regular update on the revenue being generated from the Car Park ticketing machines.

IH stated that HC should be informing us of what they have budgeted for roads etc in this area.

AH queried the double yellow on Innis Ruairaidh and thought it should extend back over the crest of the hill for safety reasons.

PM stated that the NTS van often parks just over the crest which is dangerous.

IH suggested a warning sign before the crest.

PM will be asking HC for clarity on the Coral Beach parking area.

7. Vandalism. The telephone kiosk at the school appears to have been vandalised. PM has been contacted by the police for CC input on other reports of vandalism in Plockton.

8. A.O.B

There was discussion of the proposed application for a Short Term Let Control area for Plockton by the Plockton and District Community Trust. The matter was discussed at length and the CC has many questions for the Community Trust. PM will contact the Community Trust and arrange an informal meeting with members in the near future.

Highland Council reports on Short-Term Let Licensing and a Short-Term Let Control Area (STLCA) for Badenoch & Strathspey can be viewed on [www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/4634/highland\\_council](http://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/4634/highland_council)

MB pointed out that the handrail on the steps behind John Taylor's house is disintegrating. PM pointed out the same for the RHU end of the causeway. Both are Community responsibilities.

Michael Hay to be approached as an Associate member of the CC.

IH has contacted KPL reference their offer to donate 2 benches.

Meeting closed 9.25pm Thanks to Duncraig Castle for their hospitality.

Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022