

MINUTES OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023 IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Peter Mackenzie (PM), Martin Bliss (MB), Ian Hay (IH), Ewan Cameron (EC),
Fiona Mackenzie (FM), Mary Gollan (MG)

Councillor Biz Campbell (BC), Morven Mackay (MM), Neil Marshall (NM),
Annan Dryburgh (AD), Jill Dryburgh (JD)

Apologies: Alex Fergusson

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was an amendment under 'Planning'. The minutes should read "... To provide permanent accommodation for the caretaker of Plockton Cottages....". Please delete "...to provide holiday accommodation."

The minutes were then passed as a true and accurate reflection on the meeting by MB and seconded by FM.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

There had been no movement on the Special Projects or Fireworks account. The general account showed a balance of £459.12.

The CC will have to submit invoices to Dot Ferguson, HC, to receive reimbursement for refurbishment of the defibrillators. MG to action.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Access to Pier at Campbell's House. MB had spoken to various people who all stated that there was a stile to allow access by foot (the stile was in a bad state of repair). Access for cars was not possible because the gate was locked.
- b. NTS Meeting. No one from CC had attended.
- c. Fencing at School. PM will liaise with HC when they come to repair it to ensure that the correct areas are repaired. IH will sketch a map of the fence.

4. NEW CAR PARK

BC will seek clarity with Malcolm Macleod, HC, on where we are at present and the way ahead for the new car park. IH stated that there is potential funding from HIE, Crown Estates and Leona Joiner, HC Additional Funding. PM reminded the meeting that Shane Manning had told the CC that once income started to be generated (i.e. the parking meter), it would help HC on capital spending decisions.

5. CAR PARK METER

BC was thanked for her strong contribution to the HC debate about the distribution of monies earned from the various car parks in Ward 5. She argued successfully that 50% of the money generated, after costs, should go to the relevant community as had been agreed in a previous HC meeting.

The meeting was informed that to obtain the money, a bid had to be submitted with the relevant costs. PM will liaise with the Plockton Harbour Community Interest Company (PHCIC) as they run the public toilets and have experienced a sharp drop in revenue since the parking meter was introduced. It was assumed, and confirmation will be sought, that this money, if not all required, will be ring-fenced for future projects.

6. WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH ROADS

A zoom meeting will take place on 27 March and PM and IH will attend. PM has submitted a list of work required on local roads for discussion at this meeting. The main areas needing attention are: pot holes, gritting on Harbour St, removal of erroneous yellow lines, very dangerous corner above Drumbuie junction (at Windy Ridge/'Roy Hams corner'), 20MPH sign in Duirinish.

7. PLANNING

There were no items of planning relevant to the CC.

8. AOB

- a. AF will chase the art work design for the sign at the railway bridge.
- b. AD requested that extra shrub planting be undertaken to provide screening at the car after the tidy-up of the area last year.
- c. PM will draft a formal letter to Alex Glasgow requesting him to undertake a bike maintenance course with the funding we have available.
- d. Streetlight at 29 Harbour St is still out – IH to action.
- e. Kishorn Port – there had been no liaison.
- f. NM suggested the possibility of Plockton being twinned with Pralognan-la-Vanoise in France where he had recently competed in a winter sports event. He felt the two village had a similar 'feel'. The CC agreed to support him in his endeavours and suggested liaising with the primary school on establishing a first link.
- g. Closure of Mo Dhachaidh Care Home in Ullapool. BC spoke passionately about the lack of provision and the struggle to funds such homes and stated that no care home of less than 45 clients was able to make money, therefore so many of them were being forced to close, including the Ullapool one, last week. The Aird Ferry day care facility in Dornie provides a great service but it was stressed it is a day care centre only. The chair of Loch Broom Community Council had drafted a template letter to all relevant MPs, MSPs and councillors to draw attention to this and was asking anyone with an interest, to please send the letter to their relevant official. The template is available on the community council web site or by sending an email to cc@plockton.org

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Monday 17 April at 7.30pm.