

MINUTES OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023 IN PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Peter Mackenzie (PM), Ian Hay (IH), Martin Bliss (MB), Fiona Mackenzie (FM), Ewan Cameron (EC), Mary Gollan (MG)
Councillor Biz Campbell (BC)
Morven Mackay (MM)

Apologies: Alex Fergusson, Michael Hay

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were read and approved by Martin Bliss, seconded Ewan Cameron.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

There had been no activity since the previous meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. A map of the fencing had still to be drawn – PM and IH will attend to this.
- b. PM will write to Alex Glasgow re the bike maintenance course and to Alastair Mackay re septic tank at Rhu.

4. WRSL ONLINE ROADS MEETING REPORT

PM stated that basically the council budgets were very tight and all local areas were in the same position with regard to the state of the roads and it was really a question of keeping the spotlight on our particular locality. IH had managed to make some good points at the meeting. As a result, some work had been carried out at the corner at Drumbuie. There is a minute of the meeting and Martin Allan will be asked to put it on the Plockton.org website.

5. INNES, HARBOUR AND COOPER STREET PARKING

The parking problems in Plockton had been once again highlighted with the start of the tourist season and Easter. Without enforcement of the single and double lines, there seems little point in having them. Prominent signage { ON THE ROAD?} is required to direct people to the far end of the car park. It was felt that the 'invitation to pay' meter was probably deterring people from parking in the car park and making on street parking worse. This eventuality was one of the concerns raised to by the CC to Shane Manning of HC in August 2021 when he visited Plockton to advise on the meter installation.

PM had had a reply from Shane Manning on 2 February to his earlier email but none of the points in the reply had yet been undertaken.

BC stated that the car park extension was not in HC's capital plan. BC will write to Malcom Macleod to seek clarification as the meeting was under the impression that it should have been in the plan. BC also agreed to ask what the council's proposal was for the car park extension so that we could have a written answer on the way forward.

6. DEFIBRILLATORS

PM stated that he had registered all the defibs with the 'Circuit' – a nationwide database which gives this info to NHS, etc.

7. SIGNS/ADVERTISING

PM stated that he had received 6 comments/objections to new signage in the village. PM will raise this informally at the next village liaison meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. MB stated that he would organise the painting of the telephone box on Harbour Street.
- b. There appears to be a big increase in dog droppings not being picked up. Bag dispensers may be attached to the bins already provided. PM will speak to Angus MacFarlane at HC.

- c. Drain Blockage at Frithard Road – a camera will be requested as although the drain has been cleared of some debris there is still a blockage.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 May at 7.30pm in the village hall.

IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY THE AGM AT 7pm