

MINUTE OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023 AT 7.15pm

Present: Peter Mackenzie (PM), Ewan Cameron (EC), Alex Fergusson (AF), Mary Gollan (MG),
Fiona Mackenzie (FM)

Councillor Biz Campbell (BC)

Alex Townend (AT), Morag Mackenzie (MM), Morven Mackay (MM)

Apologies: Ian Hay, Martin Bliss

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute was approved by AF and seconded by EC as a true and accurate reflection.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

As the EGM.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. There was still a requirement to draw the boundary plan - PM and IH to attend.
- b. IH had started work on the telephone kiosk maintenance.
- c. PM had had a reply from SEPA and they will re-investigate.
- d. A reply re safety at the railway bridge had been received but was not deemed satisfactory. It was agreed that this matter should be kept separate from other roads and traffic concerns. BC suggested that the CC write to 'Safer Routes to School' through the PHS head teacher. PM agreed to write to HC suggesting traffic lights as the meeting thought this might be the quickest and most cost effective solution before there is a serious incident. The High School had agreed to take on the project of designing a safety poster for the bridge.
- e. PM had written to Scottish Water re sewage discharge in Loch Achnahenich by tourists.
- f. PM to contact Kevin Gordon, HC, for a skip.

4. PLOCKTON TRAFFIC PLAN

PM informed the meeting that there was a Zoom meeting scheduled for the following day, Tuesday 13 June. In attendance would be Dot Ferguson (HC), Shane Manning (HC), PM and IH (CC), Sandra Holmes (Plockton & District Community Trust (PDCT)). This was to discuss the ongoing issues with the traffic management plan, the car park extension and parking at Coral Beach.

AF highlighted the 2 portacabins/staff accommodation units in the car park at the rear of Plockton Inn. There were exacerbating the parking problem in the village and had not been the subject to planning consent.

5. PLOCKTON AIRSTRIP

PM had submitted a FOI to HC to see title of the airstrip but so far had not received a reply. During the recent HC Economy and Infrastructure meeting, on Ashaig, Dornoch and Plockton Airstrips, no mention had been made of Plockton, according to the minutes. AT stated that in the last month, since the previous meeting, 17 helos and 24 planes landed at the airstrip.

6. HOUSING

There was no update but a meeting was scheduled in Portree this week where, as part of other works, the start of work at the janitor's house will be discussed.

7. RIGHT OF WAY – UPKEEP AND FUNDING

PM stated that Mark Crowe (HC), had been a great assistance. MC said that it was unlikely that HC could help fund repairs of the causeway and Brae steps. Applying for money from other sources would mean substantial work on these sites being undertaken to comply with current legislation. The meeting felt that smaller repairs would be effective and EC agreed to look into this.

8. AOB

- a. MM was assured that the Duirinish 20mph sign would be addressed in tomorrow's Zoom meeting.
- b. The cattlegrids at Burnside and Duirinish – both need bolts tightening as nearby residents have complained about the continual noise.
- c. PM stated that Andy Bone (HC) will have a camera in place this Friday to further investigate the flooding problem on the brae track. Some remedial work had been successfully undertaken but the problem persisted.
- d. The CC election timetable had been published. 4 Sept – Notice of Elections, 4 Oct – Close of Nominations, 27 Nov – Election Day (if required).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11 September at 7.30pm.