

PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023

Present: Fiona Mackenzie (FM) Chairperson, Martin Bliss (MB), Ewan Cameron (EC), Michael Hay (MH), Mary Gollan (MG)
Councillor Biz Campbell (BC), Morag Mackenzie (MM), Alex Townend (AT)

Apologies: Peter Mackenzie (PM), Ian Hay (IH)

Before the CC meeting started, following the recent election, the new committee was appointed. BC was in the chair and the following office bearers were appointed. Peter Mackenzie – Chairperson, Fiona Mackenzie - Vice Chairperson, Mary Gollan – Secretary/Treasurer.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved by EC and seconded by MB.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

MG reported that, once again, the fireworks night had been very successful. £1660 had been collected in the buckets and the food and beverages made a profit of £1158. New lighting and gas burners had been purchased. There had been some generous donations from local businesses and organisations leaving a healthy balance of £4468. The general account had received a HC grant of £4594 and there had been no activity from the Special Projects account.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. The CC had received a letter from the Plockton and District Tourist Association (PDTA) stating that the new sign had been replaced in the same position as the old one but agreed that it should be moved to the other side of Burnside. This would require planning permission and the PDTA were not in a position to fund this. The CC will contact Mark Harvey HC to check on the cost.
- b. MH stated that, following a meeting of the parent council and HC, the primary school would be temporarily relocated to the high school in February while an assessment was made of the cost and extent of repairs to the canteen and Gaelic medium building. The meeting expressed their great disappointment at this and emphasised the lack of maintenance over the years which had led to this point. It was also pointed out that the High School infrastructure has ongoing issues with a leaking roof which appear not to be getting addressed. BC agreed to highlight this at the next Education HC meeting.
- c. BC spoke about the 'Small Housing Trust' and their policy for building small, affordable houses, like the ones built adjacent to the new shinty pitch at Reraig. This was in light of the costs quoted of £400K per unit in Glenelg.

4. TRAFFIC PLAN

MG reported that PM and IH had been invited to a meeting, organised by David Whiteford of Highland Coast Hotels, about the car park extension and parking issues at which Malcolm Macleod, HC Roads Dept, would be present. Malcolm Macleod agreed that the car park extension and the issue with safety at the railway bridge were the responsibility of the HC. He would get back to us with a plan for the way forward. BC stated that she had spoken to the new Chief Executive of HC, Derek Brown, and he was keen to come to Plockton to see for himself the issues of parking, etc. BC would organise this for some time in the new year when the tourist season starts again.

5. FIREWORKS

FM thanked all involved in organising such a successful bonfire night, particularly Ewan Cameron and Sue Atkinson and their teams of helpers.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. MB highlighted the lack of availability of the astroturf pitch at the high school. The CC will write to Finlay Macdonald HC with the list of concerns about the letting of both the pitch and the games hall.
- b. Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust had asked the CC for input into a Local Place Plan (LPP) which will be incorporated into the Local Area Plan and then to the HC Planning Dept to help form decision making in the future. All members of the CC were given the LPP for Plockton as it stands and were asked to make additions/comments which will be collated and returned to KLCT.
- c. MM highlighted once again the potholes on the Duirinish Bridge. Members of the public can call 01349886601 or go on line to report road surface issues at [FIX MY STREET](#).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023