

PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Peter Mackenzie (PM), Ian Hay (IH), Martin Bliss (MB), Michael Hay (MH), Mary Gollan (MG),
Councillor Biz Campbell (BC), Morag Mackenzie (MM), Jo Scott Moncrieff (JSC), Terry Kitchen (TK)

APOLOGIES: Fiona Mackenzie, Ewan Cameron

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was a slight alteration to the previous minute. The Primary School Parent Council had received correspondence from HC but there had not been a meeting. Michael Hay had been formally welcomed to the CC, this had been missed of the previous minute. The minute was then approved and seconded.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The main account has a balance of £5670.19, having received the annual payment of £414 from HC. There had been no movement on the other two accounts.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. The tourist sign at the railway bridge will be dealt with by HC when the improvements on H&S grounds are made in the near future.
- b. The litter on and surrounding the all weather pitch continues despite there being 4 bins in close proximity.

4. PLANNING

- a. The meeting noted there had been some objections from members of the public to the design of houses at the old Janitor's house at the school but there had been no representation to the CC, so the CC had registered no objection. It was stressed that these houses should be for key workers, if possible. The developments at Burnside and 14 Harbour Street had proved very successful, in that aspect. PM will pass on these comments to the S&LHA.
- b. The proposed development at 21A Harbour Street had been noted.
- c. The new road at Duncraig Castle had been approved for development.

5. AIRSTRIP

It was noted that there had been a valuation of the airstrip in October 2019 carried out by Torrance Partnership on behalf of the NTS. Any possible sale or long term lease is being handled the HC Economy & Infrastructure Committee, chaired by Councillor Ken Gowans. BC will write to ask for an update on the current position.

6. TRAFFIC PLAN

There had been no update from Malcolm Macleod. It was felt that the Tourist Place Plan and the Traffic Management Plan should be run together and led by the CC. BC will write to Malcolm Macleod for an update.

7. SCHOOLS UPDATE

- a. MH stated that the Parent Council had been invited to the High School to look over the changes that are being made to accommodate the primary school pupils. This work is still ongoing but it is hoped to be ready by February 2024.
- b. BC had visited the High School for a meeting with Morrisons, the contractor, on the work to be done to repair leaks.
- c. JSC confirmed that the move to the High School by the Primary School was an emergency measure only and no decision has been taken on this being a permanent move. There will be an assessment of the work required in the near future before any decision is made.
- d. Concern was expressed about a safe playing area for the primary school pupils and JSC confirmed there will be a fenced off area established.
- e. The CC has been sent disturbing videos of violence between pupils, taking place on High School premises. As these videos are now in the public domain, the meeting sought reassurance that everything was being done to address these shocking scenes. JSC assured the meeting that the school took these matters extremely seriously and was in close contact with the police and other bodies to ensure that pupils are aware of the use of social media. The CC is concerned for the safety of the primary school pupils, in particular.

8. AOB

- a. The fence belonging to 13 Harbour Street is broken and blocking the public right of way between 13 and 14 Harbour Street. The CC will write to the owner of the property to request that it is fixed.
- b. The question was raised about any future tenants at 14 Harbour Street – would be property go to a 'key worker'?
- c. PM proposed that the following bodies be formally invited to be associate members of the Community Council, with no voting rights.

Plockton Harbour CIC

Grazings Committees of Plockton, Duirinish and Drumbuie

Plockton High School

Parent Councils of PHS and PPS

Police Scotland

Plockton and District Community Trust

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15 January 2024