

MINUTE OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2024

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

Councillor Biz Campbell (BC), Morag Mackenzie (MM), Lisa Gellert (LG), Jo Scott Moncrieff (JSM), Alex Townend (AT), Trent Townend (TT), Jimmy Fergusson (JF), Robert Morton (RM)

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute was approved by EC and seconded by MB.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

There had been no movement on the accounts.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTE

- a. It was again emphasised about the lack of communication from HC.
- b. PM had received a letter of thanks from Mrs Kennedy for our efforts in securing a refund for the parking fine issued by HC outside Plockton Hall . PM noted that the credit should go to Councillor BC.
- c. The recent Tourism Place Plan workshop had taken place on 30 May and the report was awaited.
- d. An estimate of £3360 for the causeway repair has been calculated. It is hoped that the CC will contribute half and the HC Pathways the other half. IH will coordinate dates for the work to commence and materials purchased. He will also chase up lighting for the causeway.

4. PLOCKTON HIGH AND PLOCKTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS SAFETY

- a. A report in last week's WHFP has highlighted the issues with the safety of children crossing the railway bridge to school.
- b. There appears to be a lack of communication within HC as a report had been submitted by their engineer last August/September 2023 where he had put forward possible solutions. This report has never been acted upon or indeed seen by PDCC. BC agreed to ask again what was happening with this very important issue. PM will also email Ross Bartlett and Lis MacKelliaich in HC.
- c. It was again pointed out that there has been very little communication from HC with the ongoing position with regard to the Primary School move to the High School and the assessment of the state of the primary school.
- d. PM will write to the Chief Executive of HC about the lack of communication on various issues.

5. LOCHALSH LEISURE CENTRE

MG stated that work was still ongoing to make a credible cash projection to show that the centre was a viable proposition. It is hoped to hold a crowdfunding campaign to pay off the historic debts. It was emphasised that the Board is very grateful for the support of HC and also the many members who have continued to pay their memberships. A statement had been issued on the LLC Facebook page on 13 June.

6. LOCHALSH PLACE PLAN

The Lochalsh Collaboration has produced a very comprehensive document.

7. DUBHAIRD/CORAL BEACH UPDATE

AT stated that the parking area was full nearly every night with camper vans. It was agreed that this area needs proper facilities as a matter of urgency. The inclusion of Plockton as being on the NC500 route by Highland Coast Hotels in their advertising and promotional literature has seemed to make the problem worse.

8. PLANNING

There had been no new planning applications.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. It was pointed out that the ticks this year seem worse than ever.
- b. Main Pier – IH will write to Tony Usher on the need for urgent repair of the pier.
- c. PM will circulate sign suggestions from Signbiz.
- d. Defib pads will be replaced in Duirinish.
- e. JF pointed out that the signs in the main carpark had not been changed and that the sign at the main pier was misleading. IH will look into it.
- f. RM sought clarification on the areas that the cows could use and wished the meeting to record the harassment suffered. The meeting agreed that this was a matter for the Grazings Committee. PM pointed out that land disputes were not the business of PDCC but Health and Safety was. PM gave AT a letter received from the HSE in 2020. It was felt that, while there had been some instances of cooperation and some give and take, more of this behaviour should be encouraged.
- g. Septic tank at Rhu. SEPA had passed this to HC Environmental Health Dept. HC said they had received no letters of complaint and therefore could not act until such had been received.
- h. It was pointed out that there were some pinch points on the pavement from the primary school to the library for people with prams, wheelchairs, etc. Everyone was encouraged to make the pavements as safe and friendly as possible.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30pm