

MINUTE OF MEETING OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19.05.25

Present: Peter Mackenzie, Chair (PM), Ian Hay (IH), Martin Bliss (MB), Fiona Mackenzie (FM), Mary Gollan (MG)

Councillor Biz Campbell (BC), Alex Townend (AT), Jimmy Fergusson (JF), Jo Scott Moncrieff (JSM)

Apologies: Michael Hay

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute was approved by MB and seconded by FM.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. No report from HC has yet been received on the state of the Achmore – Plockton road.
- b. The Duirinish Bridge road had been repaired and thanks was extended to Biz Campbell for her assistance in getting this essential work done.
- c. The sign to Plockton at the Achmore turn off to Plockton on the A890 needs repaired.
- d. The main pier continues to deteriorate. IH has spoken to DA Macrae for a price to repair and this is £15,500. (Further discussion under 'Community Priorities').
- e. We are still awaiting a reply about the streetlights at Camus an Arbhair. PM will forward his email to BC to chase up.
- f. No reply has yet been received about the inspection of the sea wall on Harbour Street which continues to deteriorate.

3. PLANNING

- a. There are no new planning applications.
- b. There was a long discussion on the planning application for redevelopment of the Janitor's House at the school. This application has still not come before the Planning Committee despite being lodged 19 months ago. The members felt it was an absolute disgrace that this building should have been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair, having lain empty for approximately 8-9 years.
- c. PM had received an email from HC Housing saying that there were no plans to progress this application but that they were looking into the possible purchase of a nearby shared equity house in the near future!
- d. PM will write to HC asking for an explanation with a deadline of 4 weeks for a reply. It was suggested that we should approach the national press with this subject.

TRAFFIC

- a. Plockton and District Community Trust has not produced a Traffic Management Plan to date.
- b. A recent incident outside 43 Harbour Street has again highlighted the traffic problems.
- c. PM will write to PDCT to ask for an update on progress.
- d. PM will write to Malcolm Macleod to highlight the lack of a temporary traffic order, which lapsed in Feb 2024 and has not been renewed, and also to ask that the yellow lines and white lines on the disabled parking spaces in the car park be repainted.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- a. Main Pier. IH will write to Mark Crowe from the Community Regeneration Fund to ask about lodging a grant application for funding to repair the pier. Also, an approach can be made for funding from SSEN. Once we have established a way ahead, we will speak to PHCIC. It was felt that, although we may oversee repair of the pier, it remains the responsibility of HC to maintain it.
- b. Plockton Primary School. No word has been received yet on a consultation on the future of the school.
- c. Coral Beach Parking. AT stated that he had erected an information board and donations box at the place where camper vans, etc park. £650 had been raised last year which had been given to Plockton Playpark Association. There had been no further developments on HC's intentions with regard to progress of a properly established car park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. It was confirmed that the PE Licence is for fireworks nights only.
- b. IH requested money to buy paint to repair the stockade round the water pump.
- c. Wood, etc has been ordered for shuttering for the causeway.
- d. PM has spoken to HIS re handrails, etc for the brae steps and is awaiting a reply.
- e. The potholes on the airstrip road were again highlighted.
- f. JF said that a new credit card machine had been installed in both toilets and was proving very successful.
- g. The large 900L blue bin at the main pier has been removed. PM will write to Mr Macfarlane to request another general waste bin (large). It was noted that there are a number of large items which have been left beside the bins at the main pier. These will NOT be uplifted by the binmen. There is a service available from HC to uplift any 3 large items for £28 – all the details are available on their website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025