

PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026

Present: Ian Hay, Acting Chair (IH), Ewan Cameron (EC), Michael Hay (MH), Mary Gollan (MG)
Jimmy Fergusson (JF), Morag Mackenzie (MM), Alex Townend (AT), Thomas
MacLennan (TM)

Apologies: Fiona Mackenzie, Martin Bliss, Biz Campbell, David McGhie, Jo Scott Moncrieff

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute was approved by EC and seconded by MH.

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRPERSON

David McGhie has agreed to be co-opted on to the CC and act as Chairperson.
Unfortunately, he is unable to attend the meeting tonight but will be appointed at the next meeting.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

There had been no financial transactions.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. IH had spoken to Andy Bone, HC Roads Dept today and will compile a list of all outstanding work required to be completed by HC. These works include:

Sign at A890 junction

Plockton tourist sign at turn off at Balmacara to Plockton road

Pot holes on road behind old Free Church

Pot holes on Duirinish to Drumbuie road

Potholes on road to Duirinish station and Barleyport

Pot holes on airstrip road – medical carers are reluctant to use this road

Slack bolts on cattlegrid opposite Burnside

Lighting at Duirinish footbridge

Lighting at Camus and Arbhair

Refresh of 'keep clear' lines

New white lines at Plockton Railway Bridge(when weather permits)

Duirinish bridge has been damaged and needs repaired

- b. CC Insurance – an email had been received today and we have still to digest the contents
- c. It was emphasised that members of the public who have concerns about HC work or road defects should contact HC directly. Their call will be logged and entered into the system. 'Fix My Street' is available on line for such concerns.

5. ROAD WORKS

- a. The new traffic lights at the school/railway bridge were now operational and were working well although there are a few issues with people jumping the lights.
- b. The C1222 Achmore to Plockton road where the landslip had occurred has now been repaired and appears in good order although there are some issues:
 - a tree which is likely to fall and bring a wall down
 - new barriers including those to replace the wooden ones are awaited
 - new signage preventing large vehicles using the road are awaited
 - there appears to be a slump in the recent bridge repair at Craig
 - large hole in the road giving some concern east of Craig bridge
- c. Gritting. Following the recent large fall of snow, the CC had received a letter from a resident at Duncraig with very valid concerns about the level of gritting and salting on the Duirinish to Achmore road, including Achnadarach, which left his community in a vulnerable situation. The CC agreed with him that this was unacceptable. There were also concerns expressed that the gritter/salting did not extend along Harbour Street. IH will write to HC highlighting the HC's legal obligations and suggesting that local farmers/crofters may be willing, if given the equipment and supplies, to undertake some of this work. He will also ask for more grit bins to be placed in strategic sites.

6. PLANNING

There had been no planning applications.

7. DEFIBRILLATORS

- a. MH has agreed to look after the defibs at Duirinish and Achnadarach. It is hoped that the 3 in Plockton will be similarly maintained.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. A consultation document from NTS had been distributed – CC had no comments.
- b. Winter Guidance help numbers from HC had been placed on plockton.org.
- c. The HC budget input from CC had been completed and returned.
- d. NC500 consultation document had been completed and returned by CC and also forwarded to PDTA for their input.

- e. A reply had been received from SLHA re the Janitor's house and proposed development at the shinty field. The CC are unhappy with the rate of progress re the shinty field development and also very concerned at the apparent abandonment of the project at the Janitor's house. IH will once again write to HC for an update.
- f. There is a meeting scheduled for next month to discuss the future of the primary school at Innes Street and the CC awaits feedback.

9. COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- a. The contractor has been reminded about work on the causeway and the Brae steps.

10. AOB

- a. The PDTA are intending producing local village maps for visitors.
- b. The PDCT have a meeting scheduled in February to discuss progress of developments at the airstrip.
- c. The CC expressed concern that the PDCT had stopped sending a rep to these meetings and would welcome an update on their progress with parking and traffic management issues.
- d. The 'Welcome to Plockton' sign before the railway bridge has still to be relocated.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026