

MINUTE OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026

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

Apologies: David McGhie

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- a. The minute was approved by EC and seconded by MB.
- b. The first community consultation about the traffic and tourist management plan would be held in the village hall on Wednesday 29 April.
- c. It was noted that most of the new lines had been completed although some remained to be done. There was still no permanent traffic order in place.
- d. IH had received forms to be completed for possible funding for repair of the main pier.
- e. The meeting was disappointed to note there was still no progress on repair to the causeway. Other contractors will be approached.
- f. The new benches at Barleyport and Achnahenich were now in place.
- g. FM will organise moving a bench from Harbour Street to half way up Frithard Road.

2. TREASURER's REPORT

The only payment had been for CC insurance.

3. ROADWORKS

- a. IH had forwarded a list of outstanding work to Andy Bone and Iain Moncrieff. This had been acknowledged but no work has been done. IH will contact Kevin Fulton.
- b. BC noted the awful state of Harbour Street on her way to the meeting tonight.
- c. The kerbing on Cooper Street is in a dangerous condition.
- d. The new street light pole at Camus an Arbhair had been erected but the power supply had not been connected.
- e. There is a requirement for street lighting to erect a trial light on the causeway.
- f. It was once again noted that there is a website for the public to report roads issues and also a number to phone the HC – 01349 886601. MG will make a sign for noticeboards.
- g. The 'Welcome to Plockton' sign has still to be moved and the dampners on the cattlegrid at Burnside had still to be replaced.
- h. There was an urgent requirement for promised signage at both ends of the Achmore road to advise the unsuitability of the road for camper vans to be put in place.

4. PLANNING

There were no new planning applications.

5. DEFIBRILLATORS

- a. MB and MH had checked all 5 defibs and will continue to monitor them fortnightly and report the info to David McGhie who will maintain the spreadsheet.
- b. Currently, a new battery is required at Achnadarach in October 2027 and a new battery and pads at Duirinish in October this year.

6. FIREWORKS

- a. There was no update to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The CC had received an email from a houseowner in Plockton asking for input on the big rise in council tax for second home owners. The CC replied that we are unable to help as this is not in our remit but noted that this will be an issue for a number of property owners.
- b. BC emphasised that there is an imminent community consultation on the proposed control area that will include Plockton and district.
- c. JF made the meeting aware that there was a yacht due in Plockton between 20-23 June as part of a circumnavigation of the UK to raise funds for Children In Need. The PHCIC will co-ordinate the small event.

8. AOB

- a. Gairloch CC had forwarded their reply, and opposition to, a proposed permanent traffic order for the parking of campervans in Gairloch and wished to make us aware.
- b. BC stated that the application for funding of a car park at Coral Beach had been turned down. IH will raise it with Dot Ferguson.
- c. It was noted that there had been no progress on the Plockton Primary School buildings survey or consultation with the community.
- d. FM and MG expressed concern at the lack of confirmation of funding for the Lochalsh Leisure Centre in Kyle and also the severe cut to lessons for primary school children. BC will raise this again with HC.
- e. The structural engineer's report on the seawall is still awaited.
- f. JF stated that there had been an enquiry for 2 small cruise liners to visit Plockton at different times. He had replied that there was no proper access for a coach to pick passengers up and that the village had limited catering facilities but that some businesses would welcome the trade. It was suggested that it may be an idea to have them on a trial basis.
- g. IH to contact HC Harbours about the state of the slip at the car park.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18 May at 7pm for AGM followed by CC meeting at 7.30pm