

MINUTE OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17.08.26

Present: David McGhie, Chair (DM), Ian Hay (IH), Ewan Cameron (EC), Martin Bliss (MB), Michael Hay (MH), Mary Gollan (MG)

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

Apologies: Fiona Mackenzie

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- a. The minute was approved by IH and seconded by MH.
- b. IH continues with seeking funding for repair to the main pier and is in dialogue with Tony Usher, HC.
- c. IH has offered to site the bench on Frithard Road.
- d. IH will contact Dot Ferguson, HC to arrange a meeting to go over outstanding items from the HC visit a few years ago.
- e. DM will invite Lynn Beaumeister, our HC contact, to a CC meeting.
- f. There has been an intimation from HC about a proposal to make it compulsory for camper vans to pay parking fees. DM and IH will write to HC expressing the CC's disquiet about this proposal.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

There had been no movement on either account.

3. ROADWORKS

- a. IH will speak to Kevin Fulton, the local HC rep for local roads, about outstanding works, in particular the dangerous kerb stones on Cooper Street and the possibility of a 'Keep Clear' road marking on the corner between 16 and 17 Harbour Street (on two occasions, large delivery lorries were forced to reverse the length of Harbour Street as they were unable to pass at this bottleneck).
- b. JF has continued to email 'Mend Our Street' as, despite many requests, the Bank Street potholes have not been repaired.
- c. There is an urgent requirement for resurfacing or at least patching on the road to Dubhard.
- d. It is noted that Harbour Street is due to be resurfaced next year, which is good news.
- e. There is still no clear signage at either end of the Achmore-Plockton road advising of the unsuitability of the road for camper vans.

- f. The CC has still not received the engineer's report on the state of the sea wall, despite many requests.
- g. The Duirinish-Barleyport road is in need on pothole patching and the Duirinish bridge has still not been repaired.

4. PLANNING

- a. The CC has no comment on the recent planning applications for:
 new windows in the Haven (retrospective)
 internal works in the Haven
 extension at 16 Harbour Street
- b. BC was pleased to be able to inform the meeting that work on renovations to the Janitor's House will go ahead. It has been confirmed that the house belongs to the S&L Housing Assoc, not the Education Dept.

5. DEFIBRILLATORS

- a. MB and MH reported that all 5 defibs are in working order.
- b. It was agreed that the CC would apply for some of the money from the ITP car park fees to be used for ongoing maintenance which is approximately £1000 per year.

6. FIREWORKS

- a. It was agreed to hold a meeting shortly to discuss plans for the display. Sue Atkinson has resigned from her role as catering organiser and MG will seek a replacement.
- b. EC and AT have indicated their agreement to continue in their roles as Island Fireworks Co-ordinator and Shore Side Co-ordinator, respectively.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. DM had circulated all pertinent correspondence to CC members and would now include the larger circulation for planning proposals.
- b. HIE had circulated the minute of the meeting at Kishorn to set up a community development board, in light of the award of £24m of government funding for future projects. A representative from the 'south' area, including Plockton, Achmore & Stromeferry, Dornie and Kyle was sought. Kyle and Achmore CCs had indicated that they had no candidates willing to stand. DM will consider submitting a CV.
- c. Plockton Primary School. A Proposal Paper had been circulated to CC members about the HC recommendation that the PPS remains on the PHS campus. **A public meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 August at 7pm in the High School.**

- d. It was noted that the outside play area was very inadequate for the pupils.
- e. Questions were asked about the future use of the 2 buildings at the PPS site – the old Lochcarron Weavers and the corrugated iron building.
- f. Also, will the nursery school remain in the original building?
- g. The Highland Delivery Programme document had also been circulated as this is due to be updated. It was noted that there is only a small mention of Plockton.

8. SHORT TERM LET CONTROL AREA

- a. Due to personal circumstances, DM had not been able to write on behalf of the CC but it was felt that decision to go to the next stage would have gone ahead in any case.
- b. The CC will take careful note of progress of the next steps.

9. CAR PARK FUNDING

- a. The CC are very disappointed at the lack of progress on repair of the causeway and the Brae steps and will seek other contractors to carry out this work. IH will contact Duncan MacVicar.
- b. The money for defib maintenance had already been covered earlier.
- c. There is a requirement for major maintenance of the public toilets which are run by the PHCIC and the meeting felt this would be a worthwhile commitment for some of the funds.
- d. DM will check with HC how much money is available for the previous two years.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. IH had met with Angus Macdonald, MP, at his recent visit to Plockton and highlighted to him, among other things, the need for a better approach to care in the community and release of land by the NTS for affordable housing.
- b. The Plockton Trust are still working on the traffic and tourism management plan. A drop in session had been held recently with HC in attendance. DM will seek information on progress.

POST MEETING NOTE:

There is an update on the Plockton and District Community Trust webpage

- c. Community Resilience Plans. An assurance had been received from SSEN that, following withdrawal of the copper cabling, if there was a power cut, then vulnerable people would be issued with battery operated help call devices.
- d. It was suggested that an informal list be drawn up of members of the community willing to take people without transport for hospital, doctor, dental visits.

- e. Scottish Water had fixed the large leak in the road at Duirinish but the smaller leak, which had been there for the last 2+ years, has still be to repaired.
- f. It was agreed to organise a work party after 5 November, to clear up the weeds and rubbish which had accumulated in the car park as this is often the first impression that visitors have of Plockton. JF to organise.
- g. The hall now has remote access facility so our councillor can attend meetings remotely.
- h. There had been various representations by members of the community for the need for garden hedges to be cut back to improve access and to prevent cars being scratched, particularly on Harbour Street.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026