

MINUTE OF PLOCKTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Alex Townend (AT), Jo Scott Moncrieff (JSM), David Hay (DH), Lucy Downie (LD),
James Krisp (JK), Alexander Mackenzie (AM), Louise McFadyen (LM), Karina Maclellan
(KM)

Councillor Biz Campbell (BC)

Apologies: Jimmy Fergusson, Morag Mackenzie

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- a. There was an amendment to the previous minute at item 3d which should read “it is hoped that Harbour Street will be included in the programme of works for next year”.
- b. The minute was then approved by EC and seconded by MB.
- c. EC and IH were thanked for placing the bench on Frithard Road.
- d. DM had been appointed on to the Kishorn Development Board to represent the local south CCs. It was noted that Maggie Byrne from the Kyle Community Trust had also been appointed.
- e. DM, IH and MG had attended a meeting with Liz Bauermeister HC, Community Development Manager and, on line, Ross Bartlett HC, Principal Officer for Traffic and Parking to discuss the ongoing traffic and parking issues, following a visit by HC representatives in 2020, with the intention of finalising the outstanding items. The temporary traffic order (TTRO) was now out of date and it was intended that this become permanent after consultation. Also requested was a refresh of yellow lines and ‘Keep Clear’ signs and a new ‘Keep Clear’ at 16/17 Harbour Street which was a serious pinch point on the road.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT

- a. There had been no activity on either account.
- b. An email from HC had indicated that the grant to the CC this year has risen to £700 and will be paid soon.

3. PLOCKTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PERMANENT RELOCATION PROPOSAL

- a. It was noted that following the public meeting at the end of last month, there would be another public meeting on Monday 28 September and the deadline for submissions to the proposal had been extended to Friday 9 October.
- b. An email on this subject from JK had been received. JK did not wish to add anything further at this stage.
- c. LM and KM from the PPS Parent Council outlined the survey that had been issued to all primary school parents which asked if they agreed with the proposal to relocate. There

had been 27 responses and of those, 2 – Yes, 8 – No, 14 – Yes but substantial work is needed to the campus, 3 – Did Not Know. LM and KM were thanked for their efforts.

- d. It was noted that when the PPS moved temporarily to the HS campus in 2024, HC had stated that a survey of the buildings and consultations with parents would be undertaken but had not materialised – why? Why had it taken until August 2026, 30 months after the move, before any material communication from HC had been received despite there being many requests for information in the intervening period?
- e. It was agreed by all parents that there was an urgent need to improve the playground area for the children.
- f. It was noted that there are 6 Community Councils who have children attending Plockton Primary School.
- g. Why had no repairs been undertaken before the building was deemed unsafe?
- h. Why did it suddenly become a problem without a proper survey being made?
- i. Why had there been no communication from HC about this imminent change before it happened?
- j. LD pointed out that HC has made a commitment to tackling the downward trend in rural depopulation.
- k. There appears to be a lack of investment in education infrastructure in Lochalsh compared to other areas like Skye and Inverness city.
- l. The Parent Council had repeatedly asked for a report on the state of the Primary School but had not received any replies.
- m. It was noted that a member of the public had sought assurance at the public meeting on 26 August that the questions being asked would be addressed and a minute was being taken. This was confirmed.
- n. The CC agreed they would write to the Education Authority supporting a resolution to the concerns raised by members of the Plockton and District community and the PPS Parents Council.

4. ROADWORKS

- a. IH had contacted Kevin Fulton HC to discuss various points and had been assured that the kerb stones on Cooper Street would be fixed.
- b. IH and KF will liaise on suitable wording for signage on the Achmore-Plockton road which should be in place before the next tourist season.
- c. BC agreed to support the CC's bid to be included in programme of works for the next financial year.
- d. There was still no sight of the engineer's report into the sea wall.
- e. It was noted and appreciated that the streetlight at Camus an Arbhair had been repaired.

5. PLANNING

- a. The proposal for paving at the Studio had been noted and there were no objections.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. An email had been received from a member of the public re the proposed relocation of the primary school and was noted. Concern raised will be included in the CC response to the Council's proposals.
- b. An email had been received from Robert Morton on 20 September. The email expressed concern about the cows grazing at the upper end of Harbour Street and the damage and mess that had been left. The email was circulated to the CC members. DW acknowledged the correspondence from Mr Morton and referred him to the NTS's (landlord) response to CC concerns on this issue in 2020. The NTS letter was appended to the CC acknowledgement. This matter is further discussed in AOB.

7. FIREWORKS PLANNING

- a. It was agreed to hold a planning meeting on Tuesday 29 September at 8pm in the hall.
- b. Volunteers for the shoreside management, First Aid and the catering are required.

8. AOB

- a. It was noted that work on the causeway and Brae steps had still not started.
- b. The issue with the cows in upper Harbour Street was raised and AT was asked if there was any possibility of changing the geo fixing on their collars to exclude the particular area of concern. AT declined to comment.
- c. It was stated by AT that the cows, restricted to 4 in number, were not grazing in the village from June to September. It was further noted and acknowledged that following a request, they were not permitted on the Harbour Street shore front.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.30pm