

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF  
DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 AT  
7.00pm IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DORNOCH**



**PRESENT**

Yvonne Ross  
Paddy Murray  
Ian Grant  
Davie Macbeath  
Maggie Hope  
Mike Hook  
Jimmy Melville  
Graeme Ross  
Lesley Gray  
Cllr J McGillivray  
Cllr R Gale

		Action
1	<b>TODD WARNOCK</b> attended the meeting to give the members an update on the proposed development of Coull Links Golf Course.	
2	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies were received from Catherine Macangus	
3	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>  The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record Approved – P Murray Seconded – D Macbeath  Matters arising all within the agenda.  <b>POLICE MATTERS</b>  The Police gave a run through of the monthly report for the area. 75 incidents in total with a range of issues including 10 animal calls, 3 domestics incidents, 1 suspicious person, 2 alcohol related issues, an ongoing child protection case, 5 RTCs (minor), 4 fixed penalties.  It was also highlighted that the public can sign up at	

	<p><a href="http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a> which gives immediate notice when there have been issues with thefts of rural goods (equipment, fuel etc).</p>	
4	<p><b>TREASURERS REPORT</b></p> <p>The annual grant of £1422.68 has now been received.</p>	
5	<p><b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b></p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of going ahead with a refurbishment of the current toilet block, giving thought to the suggested type of refurb as per D Macbeaths research and email round all the members. It was generally agreed that a refurb could meet our needs rather than a rebuild.</p> <p>It was suggested to ask a local contractor for a quote also, to compare prices and quality of refurb for the money.</p> <p>It would appear that there may be a comfort fund of approximately £2K per year to cover the running costs of the toilet block.</p> <p>D Macbeath to continue to look into this and report back.</p>	
6	<p><b>PATHWAYS</b></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
8	<p><b>PLANNING ISSUES</b></p> <p>G Ross reminded all members to read the Planning Matters for Community Councils. This has been previously circulated by email. All members are reminded of their responsibility NOT to comment on any application which we have been consulted on.</p> <p>Y Ross has taken advice from the Highland Council Planning Service on how best to quote on the CC's position regarding an ongoing application.</p>	
9	<p><b>DUNCAN ALLAN – DORNOCH COMMON GOOD</b></p> <p>Mr Allan attended the meeting to highlight his concern over the current lack of development of community facilities and asked members to</p>	

	<p>consider how best they can manage Dornoch Common Good land. He made some suggestions for potential improvements which the members have noted. It is noted that Dornoch may have some wealthy tenants, but in comparison may appear a very poor town of facilities.</p> <p>Members thanked Mr Allan for attending and his suggestions, which they have taken on board and will consider.</p> <p>P Murray updated the members on the Golf Clubs position regarding the build of a new clubhouse – it was noted that they only have 55 year lease left, and can only build on land they own, or which has a much longer lease. The purchase of land is very unlikely, however a longer lease is much more likely. It was suggested that the original lease should be seen, for comparison.</p>	
10	<p><b>DORNOCH BRIG</b></p> <p>Kate Grant gave an update as to where the group are with their project, and where they are with their potential funders. The group are desperately waiting for a lease from Highland Council. They are very confident of qualifying for Leader funding, however the application must go in early October.</p> <p>It would be necessary for the Community Council to be the lease holder, which members are all in favour of.</p> <p>BRIG are hoping to encourage local businesses to sponsor a piece of play equipment in the new play park.</p> <p>Members will discuss the funding application later in the meeting.</p>	
11	<p><b>CAMERON WARREN – COMMUNITY BROADBAND</b></p> <p>Looking at the Cnoc Na Moine area, and meeting with Martin Matheson next week.</p> <p>The construction is “moveable” and there will be no planning permission required. It is strong and secure but mobile. Costs looking to be within £10K.</p> <p>Potential uptake – looking for around 40% in the first year, with a further 20% the year after.</p> <p>Average cost to a householder - £33 per month including VAT. Standard installation cost of £300 with grants available. Cameron is looking at affordable options for householders. The current grant scheme ends in November and Cameron is waiting to hear and update. Members happy to use channels such as social media to give the project some exposure. Cameron will however do door to door drops when the service is open for orders.</p>	

12	<p><b>JOAN BISHOP – DAICIC UPDATE</b></p> <p>Joan attended to give a short update on the DACIC work. They would potentially express an interest in the Caravan Park lease should this come up. Agenda item for next meeting.</p>	
13	<p><b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Common Good Application – Dornoch Historylinks SCIO Interpretative Panels – Dornoch Trail Full funding approved £3122.40</p> <p>Common Good Application – Dornoch BRIG Beach Playground Full funding approved £5000.00</p>	
14	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>All previously circulated by email.</p>	
15	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>M Hope – resident has passed on concerns about the roads safety of vehicles coming out from North St – High Street.</p> <p>J McGillivray to look at the untidy area around the old gas works, Shore Road.</p>	
16	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm</p>	