MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16th MARCH 2016 AT 7.00pm IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DORNOCH



PRESENT

Yvonne Ross Graeme Ross Jimmy Melville Dave Macbeath Ian Grant Maggie Hope Catherine Macangus Peter Fairgrieve Lesley Conner Jim McGillivray

		Action
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies were received from Paddy Murray and Mike Hook.	
2	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING	
	The minutes of the last meeting were then taken as a true record. Proposed – J Melville Seconded – M Hope	
	YR clarified some of the items in the Common Good Accounts circulated at the last meeting. Some of the anomalies arose from the valuation of artwork, and the revaluation of land which had previously been given a zero value.	
3	HOGMANAY STREET PARTY UPDATE	
	It was understood that Paddy Murray + volunteers have agreed to be the lead on the Hogmanay Street Party going forward. YR to pass all relevant documents to Paddy.	
4	PRESENTATION FROM R BIRD, DORNOCH AIRFIELD	
	Dickie Bird was welcomed to the meeting and gave a full presentation on the value of the Dornoch Airfield after the suggestion that the airfield may close due to the Highland Council budget cuts. Dickie highlighted the strengths and weaknesses, and the opportunities for the future. The presentation will be circulated by email after the meeting. J McGillivray is looking to set up a meeting with relevant stakeholders soon.	

PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was noted that a sub committee of the Community Council has looked at the possibility of hosting a minor North of Scotland P/B Championships. It was felt that it had been left a bit late in that particular year to follow through.

I Grant to investigate further.

LC to ask Judi Sutherland for any documentation she may have retained from the previous sub committee.

LC

6 **POLICE MATTERS**

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lan Forbes attended the meeting – gave a run through of any incidents in the Dornoch area over the last month. The notable issues included: Positive drug searches, 3 domestics, 6 licencing applications, 2 child protections incidents, 3 RTAs, 1 fire. There were 58 incidents in total.

The members noted the court case re the damage to the Royal Dornoch Golf course last June, as per the report in the Northern Times today. The case has been deferred for 3 months to allow time for the accused to pay for the damage.

Members again raised the dangerous parking around the Poles Road when the running club attend at the school. These drivers are not illegally parked but it was agreed that a line of traffic parked on such a busy stretch of road is believed to be dangerous. LC to write to the club organiser to suggest alternative parking in the interest of safety.

LC

Aware of the issues with continued parking around the Garage corner. It was noted that an elderly resident has difficulty in accessing a vehicle due to the MOT failure cars being left on the road. Suggested that members look at reporting these vehicles through the abandoned vehicle scheme (the number plate of the vehicle is reported online and the cars then dealt with).

ALL

Police Survey – PC Forbes suggested that members complete the survey individually (This has been circulated on email). Completed surveys can be emailed back to LC or handed in to Dornoch Service Point where Cath can scan and email back to LC. These must be in by 31st March.

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TREASURERS REPORT

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No income or payments this month.

The current balance on the Community Council general account is £2939.00 (bank print out confirming balance).

Invoice in from Calico for the upkeep of the website.

PATHWAYS

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Letter of thanks to go to the Interact group who carried out a full town tidy last Thursday. (Letter to go via Paddy).

LC

ROADS

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Graham Mackenzie has now moved to the Ross-shire area. John Mackay back at work and should pick up previously reported issues. Embo Road – work starting next Monday.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Some members attended the public consultation for accommodation/café etc on Monday night.

Some mixed views on the positioning of the bus park, and some confusion as to how the park will work (ie drop off in square etc).

Note – the area will have toilets for the use of customers of the facilities, not general public toilets. 16/00887/FUL.

Some members raised the issue of comments from public regarding a possible development at North Street. Public should be advised to make comment online.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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Pending application from Lucy Hawkins has now been refused after two invites along to meetings and the applicant has failed to respond.

New application from SOAR Youth Projects. Members agreed this is a worthwhile application, but only a small percentage of its users are from the Dornoch area. The members awarded £100.00 after calculating a percentage of the total request for funding.

CORRESPONDENCE

12 Invite to the North Highland College PGA course launch on the 1st April, Cath and Yvonne to attend dinner. YR to respond.

YR

Loch Buidhe Overhead Line Reinforcement Project update.

Police Questionnaire (circulated).

Letter from Rob Gibson re Community Benefit from wind developments.

Invite to purchase HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday coins.

Stronger Sutherland email – LC to circulate.

LC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13 D Macbeath -

Public toilets debris in the burn – report to the Service Point.

Trees overhanging from gardens into the rear gardens of Elizabeth Cres. After discussion it was agreed that this was a civil matter, and not a council matter. It was suggested that a letter requesting the trees be looked at be sent to the resident, highlighting the safety issues with the height of the trees. It was also noted that it is acceptable to cut back anything which is clearly overhanging into another garden.

J McGillivray –

Bank steps in need of some attention – JMcG to raise with John Mackay and seek a price for work.

JMcG to look at setting up a stakeholders meeting re the airstrip. HIE have an interest, it will be suggested that any airstrip developments be include in the Phase 2 of the Dornoch Masterplan.

Circulated the "vision" of the front of the Carnegie Courthouse development for consideration.

J Melville -

Request that any development in the future of the airstrip be given full community consultation.

C Macangus -

Attends the Community Resilience working group. It has been suggested that this sits under the umbrella of the Community Council. No decision made on this.

Y Ross -

Noted the success of the phase 1 of the Dornoch Masterplan, and the quality work undertaken by DACIC, and the continued hard work of all volunteer groups. The investment in the town has proved very successful.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Wednesday 20th April 7pm Council Chambers.

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