

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF  
DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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1	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Paddy Murray and Mike Hook.</p>	
2	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were then taken as a true record. Proposed – J Melville Seconded – M Hope</p> <p>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.</p>	
3	<p><b>HOGMANAY STREET PARTY UPDATE</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
4	<p><b>PRESENTATION FROM R BIRD, DORNOCH AIRFIELD</b></p> <p>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.</p>	



9	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
10	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Some members raised the issue of comments from public regarding a possible development at North Street. Public should be advised to make comment online.</p> <p><b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b></p>	
11	<p><u>Beinn Tharsuinn Applications</u></p> <p>Pending application from Lucy Hawkins has now been refused after two invites along to meetings and the applicant has failed to respond.</p> <p>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.</p>	
12	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Invite to the North Highland College PGA course launch on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, Cath and Yvonne to attend dinner. YR to respond.</p> <p>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 90<sup>th</sup> birthday coins. Stronger Sutherland email – LC to circulate.</p>	YR
13	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>J McGillivray –</p>	LC

14	<p>Bank steps in need of some attention – JMcG to raise with John Mackay and seek a price for work.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Circulated the “vision” of the front of the Carnegie Courthouse development for consideration.</p> <p>J Melville – Request that any development in the future of the airstrip be given full community consultation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING –</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Council Chambers.</b></p>	
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