

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL
VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL**



Present

Graham Ross – Vice Chair - GR
Patrick Murray – Treasurer - PM
Jerry Bishop – JB
Ann Durrand – AD
Maggie Hope (MH)
Jimmy Melville – JM

Lou Rollason – Minutes - LR

Visitors: N/A

Apologies

Yvonne Ross – Chair – YR, Cath Macangus – Secretary – CM, Jim McGillivray – Councillor – JMc, David MacBeath – DM

April 2020 Community Council Meeting chaired by Paddy Murray

1.	<p>MAGGIE HOPE CO-OPTION Had been agreed in principle over e-mail, now confirmed unanimously by the board in an official capacity.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Yvonne Ross, Cath Macangus & David MacBeath. Andy Summers & Phil Tomlin are also not present.</p>	
3.	<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM states that this section should be removed. LR states that the police have been invited. • JB states that this may be better in an email due to these times. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To invite again and ask for an e-mailed report 	JB
4.	<p>VISITORS THIS MONTH</p>	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Summers is away and could not attend. • Phil Tomlin was not reminded, and it could have fallen off of his calendar. 	

	<p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To invite Phil Tomlin again - JMc 	JMc
5.	MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 30TH, 2020 & MATTERS ARISING	
	MINUTES PROPOSED:	
	<p>Minutes proposed by GR. Seconded by AD.</p> <p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <p>1. Point 4 in March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The £400 to be related for the defibrillator. MH states that this defibrillator would be best outside the chemist and asks if everyone agrees. JM states that it may cause an obstruction on the pathways. MH counters that Gareth Dixon will make sure this doesn't happen as he is already clearing an area. The board agrees with this suggestion. PM proposes that if there is an extra cost of up to £200 would this be facilitated, the board agree. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH to proceed with this. <p>2. Point 5 in March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMc was to send through the information regarding ESRA, and this was done. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A, however it is to be reiterated the importance of stating 'objection' on any future objections. <p>3. Point 6 in March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB to update the website to not include adverts at the cost of £30 and this has been done. JB would like to include the constitution and other documentation on the website. The board are in agreement. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB to add these documents to the website. <p>4. Point 7 in March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMc discusses the relocation of the Dornoch Skip and if the location to Dornoch South goes ahead (by DACIC) then DCC would like to put in a proposal for the movement of the Dornoch skip to this area. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A – waiting to hear what happens with the situation. <p>5. Point 8 in March minutes:</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>JB</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To utilise the volunteers going onwards past this pandemic. ○ An update on the food bank situation regarding the fact it is running as a covid-19 movement, but it may continue and if this was the case, then it would need to be vetted once the pandemic passes so not to allow for advantage to be taken. The food bank is going well, and all the members agree that it is wonderful & the thanks go out to those who are helping. ○ It goes without saying that the DCC would like to thank all who are helping the community as well as those shops and restaurants who are staying open and running delivery services to help the community. ○ YR stated to PM out with the meeting that she would like to help regarding digital communications for those who are vulnerable or elderly. The ideas that are being talked about include the usage of tablets with dongles, however the DCC do not believe they're at this stage yet. There is also the issue of the social distancing which could worry people more as proximity would be required to teach people how to use these devices. ○ To reiterate; the fund held on the DCC account is in use for covid-19, not just the food bank. JB asks if this money could be used as a reserve at this stage rather than having a specific reason – this is agreed. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking the volunteers to phone around to see what people require in this time. ○ Look at an expansion of the food bank after the pandemic is over whilst minimising the risks of it being taken advantage of ○ A formal letter of thanks to be drafted to Charles Minall who we would ask to pass on to the rest of the volunteers – PM <p>6. Point 16 (AOCB – GR) in March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The finding of the medallion of which GR asked Donald Goskirk, who unfortunately could not remember its location. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To continue the search. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GR</p>
6.	MUNICIPAL PROJECTS	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion with the list circulated regarding the municipal projects and JB will distribute as a Google Drive document. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB to redistribute as a Google Drive document. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JB</p>
7.	DEFIBRILLATOR	

	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed above <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above 	
8.	COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed above <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above 	
9.	TREASURERS REPORT	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of the March there was £4800 which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £360 – Brig ○ £400 – Defibrillator ○ Food bank showing N/A at the time. • From the start of April this showed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £5500 - £4000 is ours ○ £670 – Food bank at that time, however it has gone up by £1000 as of today. • Phil Tomlin would give more detail if he was present. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
10.	PATHWAYS	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>N/A</u> <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
11.	ROADS	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM states that the beach carpark is almost full due to the bollards and the parking area has been reduced in size completely. He worries about what it would be like in June & July. PM states that the bollards were 	

	<p>there last year but adds that there were complaints that there wasn't enough space for parking then too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMc states that the bollards will be moved to allow for more vehicles, however PM states that this would allow the campervans and motorhomes in this area, which rather negates the point. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be thought about in the future as this will become an issue again. 	
12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS		
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
13. FUNDING APPLICATIONS		
	<p><u>Main Comments: The Historylinks grant application</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB takes the board through the application, including looking at the future of the museum as they wish to display more and have acquired some very valuable pieces that they cannot display due to lack of space. They have tried to purchase an adjacent property, but this was unsuccessful. The funding would help with phase 2 of a 4-stage project. Historylinks is looking at the DCC support to part fund the project as it will help them get more funding to allow transformation of the museum. Historylinks would like to have Historylinks a destination that people travel to, rather than Dornoch bringing visitors that then go on to Historylinks. • PM wishes to ask, with covid-19, is it possible that some of the funds won't be forthcoming and if so, are the DCC putting at risk £27000 that may go on to be worthless. JB states this is a valid question and although he cannot give a cast iron guarantee, it has been thought about and discussed. Historylinks believe that things will return to normal eventually and that those they have applied for funding from are confident that they will be in a position to take advantage of said funding – as long as they have the planning and the funding in place. JB states that the only way this would be a wasted investment is if the world never returns to 'normal'. PM states this answers his question. • GR asks about the training he and JB discussed. JB stated this is still important and will be discussed again. JB states that he would like to ask the members of the DCC what counts as a conflict of interest and would like to state that just because one is a member of a non-profit organisation, then it shouldn't necessarily be a conflict of interest. PM states that this should be discussed at a different time, however he sees JB's point and agrees that in the Highlands of Scotland, this is rather difficult to do. However, GR states that this is something that needs to be adhered and it is a strict rule, and appendix 5 states this. JM states 	

	<p>that this should go to a vote due to the amount of people who are involved in other projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM asks about the state of the caravan park. JMc states he is keeping an eye on the situation. PM questions if the DCC are receiving the rent from them. JMc says he doesn't know for sure, but he will check. • JB exists the conference call at 20:07. • PM asks if there are any objections. GM asks how much the amount is. PM states its £27,000 & GM states he has no objection to this amount. • MH & AD state that although they haven't read the plan in full, they have no objection. <p><u>Action Points & decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is agreed in principle, although some members did not receive the papers. 	
14.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fly tipping which could be happening up at the Pitgrudy site which has been discussed via e-mail. However, the fact that the owner is not at the area and is not well currently means it will be discussed privately. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be discussed privately. 	
15.	AOB	
	<p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>N/A</p>	
	<p>NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING CLOSED AT: 20:18</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20TH MAY 2020 AT 7PM.</p> <p>HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL.</p>	