

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DORNOCH**



Present

Yvonne Ross – Chair - YR
Jim McGillivray – Councillor - JMc
Patrick Murray – Treasurer - PM
Cath Macangus – Secretary - CM

Jerry Bishop - JB
Ann Durrand - AD
David Macbeath - DM
Jimmy Melville - JM
Graham Ross - GR

Lou Rollason – Minutes - LR

Visitors: Barry Kirk

February 2020 Community Council Meeting chaired by Yvonne Ross.

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Maggie Hope.	
2.	Police Report Nothing to report; there are no updates & the police are not present.	
3.	GOLF PROPOSAL Chair, Yvonne Ross welcomes Barry Kirk (BK) to the meeting who makes a presentation regarding a new golf venture in Dornoch. <u>Main Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the <i>Ladies Putting Club of St Andrews Golf Club</i> which is open 7 days a week between April – September. There is one employee who cuts the green and cuts new holes once a week (2.5 hours). The average income is £650 a day with the 2016 turnover £155000 with the net profit being £55000. Maintenance is done off season by the Links Trust (including equipment and seed). • BK states there is a potential join venture for the RDGC and the DCC to implement this. • BK has identified a piece of common good lands (opposite or the same side of the playpark. On the south facing slope). <u>Action Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB & YR suggest a sub-committee for this to be put together after their presentation in April. 	

4.	PARKING CONSULTATION	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has moved to the second stage - JMc <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None – it will progress on its own. 	
5.	DEFIBRILLATOR	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking into the installation of defibrillators <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To check with Gareth Dixon if the chemist is installing one outside. 	
6.	WEBSITE & FACEBOOK	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The status of the website and the Facebook page. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR to take on the Facebook of the DCC JB to do/update the website. 	YR JB
7.	MUNICIPAL PROJECT	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreadsheet to be made to keep them updated <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR to create spreadsheet 	YR
8.	ESRA	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many members (YR, JB & DM) of the board have been to speak/visit ESRA. Agreement that they need more space. The site at the playpark has not been discounted but the height is still an issue. It is 40ft high with substructure not being considered in this which is roughly the equivalent of 4 three-bed houses. Both sides took a lot on board and both understand each other's point of view. The environmental & visual impacts are still an issue and the DCC will put in a rejection as it will have such an impact on the area. ESRA will still go ahead with the planning, however, if it gets rejected, they will look at the area adjacent to the beach playpark, as it would lessen the visual impact. JB brings up the point that parking is not available – YR counters with the area of green with access at the back for the emergency service. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR to put a letter rejection in but to highlight that the DCC support the work ESRA do and the worthwhile service they offer and understand the need for a bigger size of building. YR will also state the alternatives. 	

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9.	RDGC	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Highland Council pulled the consultation due to miswording of 'fair market rent' which should not have been stated as such. Rob Murray states: Their solicitor has emailed Paul Nevin for them to communicate (essentially, cutting out the middleman). The basis of the deal is still the same as it was. The only issue lies with the £2 per visitor and if the visitor numbers fall, the DCC need insurances. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None - Due to this being in the hands of the solicitors. 	
10.	MINUTES OF MEETING 17TH DECEMBER 2020 & MATTERS ARISING	
	MINUTES PROPOSED:	
	<p>Minutes proposed by PM. Seconded by PM.</p> <p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In reference to the previously mentioned, '<i>Historylinks has applied for planning beforehand</i>'. JB would like to state this is not the case. The only time that Historylinks has applied for is this time. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been adjusted in the minutes of January 2020. 	YR
11.	MINUTES OF EXTRA MEETING JANUARY 29TH 2020 – RDGC	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was not a minuted meeting and was instead a chance for the DCC to discuss the contract with the RDGC. Added to the agenda by mistake. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
12.	MATTERS ARISING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
13.	TREASURERS REPORT	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask for a quarterly report from Phil Tomlin to discuss the counts. Invite Margret Grigor to a meeting to discuss the loan rate. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM to action this 	PT JMc PM
14.	PATHWAYS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new business 	
15.	ROADS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new business 	
16.	PLANNING	
	<u>Main Comments:</u>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR states that commercial bins lead to businesses and others putting large amounts of rubbish which then overflows on the beach area. Smaller green bins (with the holes) may be more useful. <p><u>Main Comments by JB:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the RDGC issue is resolved, is there is any point of the Dornoch Trust being created? As it doesn't have membership & doesn't have charitable status. • It has potential to be moved to DADCA or DACIC or an existing Dornoch based group • It is expensive to create a group such as the Dornoch Trust, even as a dormant company and he does not see how it would be beneficial • JMc states that DADCA may be interested as they have more members now <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR agrees that it needs to be looked at but states it is more about having something cohesive between all the groups. <p><u>Main Comments by PM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM has the signs. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Anderson to put them up, in the meantime, PM is to put them in his garage. <p><u>Main Comments by JM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass around the back of the library is neglected • As are the bank steps <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB will speak to Sean Anderson about the bank steps. <p><u>Main Comments by JMc:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings attention to the licence's changes for the Courthouse Café. There have been a few issues raised already • New cemetery land sale is progressing <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR states that it would be useful to ask if the same rules that the Coach House have will be in use (glass bottles etc). <p><u>Main Comments by Graham Ross (GR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the Dornoch flag? <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR will ask around and speak to the Jail. <p><u>Further Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DCC would like to state their condolences those friends and family of Alec Henderson who passed away. 	<p>PM</p> <p>DB</p> <p>YR</p> <p>YR</p>
20.	HISTORYLINKS	

	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB states that there is nothing to discuss as the decision has been made and the Highland Council (HC) has decided that the DCC is no longer a consultee on this matter. • JB states his disapproval of the fact that the HC did not inform the DCC of this. His understanding was that the HC would pass on the • JMc states that he was unaware and surprised of the sudden movement of the discussion of this issue at the County Meeting where it was supposed to have been deferred until the DCC had this meeting. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">No further business meeting closed at 8.41pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th MARCH 7PM CARNEGIE CHAMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADENDUM TAKEN AFTER THE MEETING: DATE OF NEXT MEETING DUE TO THE CORONA CORVID-19 VIRUS, THE MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT THE CARNEGIE CHAMBERS AND WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL. DATE STILL: 18th MARCH</p>	