

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 30TH MARCH
ONLINE VIA CONFERENCE CALL**



Present

Graham Ross – Vice Chair - GR
Jim McGillivray – Councillor - JMc
Patrick Murray – Treasurer - PM
Jerry Bishop – JB
Jimmy Melville – JM

Lou Rollason – Minutes - LR

Apologies

Yvonne Ross – Chair - YR
Cath Macangus – Secretary - CM
Ann Durrand – AD
Maggie Hope (MH)
David MacBeath – DM

Visitors: N/A

March 2020 Community Council Meeting chaired by Patrick Murray.

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Yvonne Ross, Cath Macangus, Ann Durrand, Maggie Hope & David MacBeath	
2.	Police Report	
	N/A	
3.	PARKING CONSULTATION	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation has been postponed due to corona • JB states his concerns – due to the ESRA situation (<i>point 5 of these minutes</i>) – and believes that opinions should be brought to attention before the meeting (via e-mail), so a decision is made, rather than the conversation being stated at the meetings. PM agrees this is a fair criticism. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda to be circulated one week before the meeting so that all members of the DCC can circulate their own opinions on issues via e-mail and a decision can be made at the meeting – rather than the conversations happening at the meeting. 	LR

4.	<p>DEFIBRILLATOR</p> <p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DCC has received £400 to pay for a place to house the defibrillator. • JB states that the defibrillator was supposed to be a mobile one that could be used for events throughout Dornoch such as the Highland Games etc. • The defibrillator that was housed at the Castle (summer) and then moved to the Eagle (winter), is now at the chemist (due to opening hours in these corona virus times). • To clarify, the £400 is to be used to find it a 'home', not to purchase another one. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH to action where it is to go as she has the most information 	MH
5.	<p>ESRA</p> <p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No right to progress this planning as the decision has been made. • JB questions the fact that the CC submitted an objection that has then appeared to have had no impact even though the DCC are elected to serve the community. • It is stated that the wording has not been deemed as harsh enough to state as an objection which would be a serious oversight and mistake as the DCC do object strongly to the current planning. • There was a mixed message as we support in principle but just not the design – GR. • Without the word 'object' included, this could be the reason why the objection did not go to the planning committee. • JMc states that there were 66 letters in approval of ESRA. • PM states that if DCC had objected individually then the numbers would have risen to around 8 – not including other groups such as DACIC. • PM states a main issue of concern is that this land in contention is Dornoch Common Good land & asks JMc to raise this at the next meeting. • JB states that to do this would be to rewrite planning law and because the planning objection did not explicitly use the word 'object'. • JM states that it would be best if the DCC had a singular member that will put any planning objections in. • PM states that any future objections to be seen by the entire DCC for approval before they are sent. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMc to circulate planning progression application. • In future, DCC to put in singular objections rather than just one on behalf of the whole DCC. • The DCC to see the wording going forward before it is submitted to make sure an objection is clear – Agreed by members. • PM asks JMc to raise this at the next meeting due to it being common good land 	JMc JMc

6.	WEBSITE	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website and Facebook updated successfully. JB states that it could be beneficial to upgrade the website for £30 as the advertising is off putting. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay the £30 to upgrade the website to make sure it's ad free. 	PM & JB
7.	DORNOCH SKIP	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy Summers was supposed to dial in at 7:45 but unfortunately the connection wouldn't allow this. Currently all the skips are closed due to corona. When they reopen, there is the potential to create a recycling centre site at the abattoir PM asks if the DCC need to say anything & JMc asks that they send the responses for him to pass on. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC to send an approval of the site move to the abattoir (should it become available) for JMc to pass on to Andy Summers regarding this. 	ALL JMc
8.	COVID – 19	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM summarises the work in the community: YR brought together all the main group leaders. Charles Minall was put in charge of the group which consisted of 170 members (105 are being utilised currently) going out to the entire IV25 postcode to leaflet and offer help to the community. This body has also started a food bank (ran by Shona & Derek MacDougal). The food bank will have a physical presence under the arches on Tuesday & Thursday (12pm – 2pm) with items that have been partially purchased with donated money. The other variant is free food which has been donated and the group are looking to hear back from Tesco & the Co-op. Individual donations are also welcome, however money would be preferred to further limit the spread of the virus by allowing only one person to shop. PM states – as the treasurer of the DCC – that the money should be in the DCC account but held separately and only used for Covid-19 purposes. PM asks for approval from the DCC. The attendees approved but being inquorate the DCC will need to ratify this at their next meeting. JM asks how they will determine who requires this help & who does not. PM states that in England there are vouchers, however Scotland may work on a more trusting manner which is what they are currently doing but it is under constant review. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To keep abreast of the situation & review this in 3 weeks. PM to seek approval at the next DCC meeting 	PM
9.	MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020 & MATTERS ARISING	
	MINUTES PROPOSED:	
	<p>Minutes proposed by GR. Seconded by PM.</p> <p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Point 7 in Feb Minutes: <i>Spreadsheet to be made to keep them updated</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Done & to be added to the agenda pending corona Point 13 in Feb Minutes: <i>To ask for a quarterly report from Phil Tomlin to discuss the counts.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Tomlin will update when required Point 13 in Feb Minutes: <i>Invite Margret Grigor to a meeting to discuss the loan rate.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On hold until the corona virus pandemic has passed <p><u>Action Points (numbers relate to the main point & its action point):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Added to the Agenda PM to invite to the meetings – he does not have to attend but the DCC would like to invite. On hold. 	LR PM
10.	TREASURERS REPORT	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM asked for approval to use the CC's bank account to house the donations for the Food Bank to avoid the need for another bank account. The CC would need to ensure that the money was being correctly used, but the money would be separated from the CC's own general funds and would only be used for the purpose for which it was donated i.e. Food and possibly other supplies for people in need during the Corona Virus epidemic. The attendees approved but being inquorate the CC will need to ratify this at their next meeting. Applied for a grant of £9,500 to be used as we see fit. Approved already. <p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM to seek approval at the next DCC meeting 	PM
11.	PATHWAYS	
	No comments	
12.	ROADS	
	No comments	
13.	MAINTENANCE	
	No comments	

14.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
	None this month	
15.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p><u>Main Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Received by C. Fyfe: Regarding the dead seals on the beach – When it is safe to do so (coronaa virus) the council will bury them deep. Received by M. Lewis: Give Way sign at the New Pat Munro houses & the parking at the garage and need removing. <p><u>Action Points (numbers relate to the main point & its action point):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will be action when safe to do so. LR to follow up with C. Fyfe. To follow up post corona however this has been brought up before and has had no effect. Once the corona virus has passed, this will be brought up again. LR to follow up with M. Lewis. 	<p>LR</p> <p>LR</p>
16.	AOB	
	<p><u>Main Comments by GR:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Need to find the medallion This year there is a presentation for the university which would benefit from some marketing through leafleting for the visitors and for the advertisement of Dornoch. <p><u>Action Points (numbers relate to the main point & its action point):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To find, potentially look to Donald Goskirk to try and find this. To consider when the board has further members <p><u>Further Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB's call dropped out at 19:51. JB was not present after point 8 of the minutes and therefor any decisions will be made at the next meeting. 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">No further business meeting closed at 20:19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th APRIL 7PM HELD ELECTRONICALLY OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL.</p>	