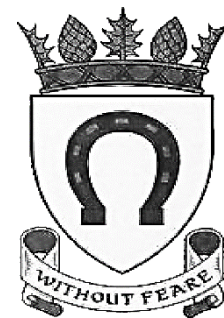


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)
HELD ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 7PM
VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL**



PRESENT

Patrick Murray – Chair - PM
Graeme Ross – Vice Chair - GR
Jerry Bishop – Treasurer – JB
Davie MacBeath – DM
Jimmy Melville - JM

IN ATTENDANCE

Lou Rollason – Minutes – LR
Jim McGillivray – JMc

ABSENT

Lesley Strang – LS

VISITORS

Jodie Ross - Project Officer for the Sutherland Adaptive and Collaborative Communities Project
Phil Tomalin – Ward Manager (PT)

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None received.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST JB declared a non-financial interest in Item 7(a), being married to the Chair of DACIC (the applicant). Similarly, PM declared an interest as Director of DACIC	
3.	ADOPTION & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (16/9/20) GR asked for item 7.8 to be amended to “GR asked if this would be an opportunity for the community council chairs to come together virtually, for an informal discussion once or twice a year looking at just the surrounding councils – PM will build this into the above.” This change was accepted. The minutes were then proposed by JB as a true account of the meeting and seconded by DM. ITEMS TO BE AMENDED - LR.	
4.	PREVIOUS MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA) COACH PARK & MOTORHOME PARKING - PLANNING Letter of support had been sent. FINISHED AN E-MAIL WAS RECEIVED TO ASK FOR COUNCILLORS’ SUPPORT FOR A “NO THROUGH ROAD” SIGN ON CHURCH STREET BETWEEN NO. 8 AND KERRISDALE. – ROADS & CORRESPONDENCE Has been requested. JMc reminded DACC of the responsibilities of the roads department so patience may be required.	JMc

	<p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p> <p>DAVID HILL - CORRESPONDENCE JB had replied and received acknowledgment from Mr Hill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FINISHED</p> <p>LETTER OF THANKS FOR THE DEFIBRILLATOR Sent to Mr Dixon but not to the donator as they had already received a letter of thanks.</p> <p>FLYING CLUB; MEMORIAL TO THEIR PRESIDENT NEEDED REPAINTING & SHED 'DECLUTTERING'. DM: DM had spoken to a representative from the flying club & was told they were not going to do anything about it.</p>	
PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:		
<p>5.</p>	<p>Jodie Ross – Introduction of her new role as: Project Officer For The Sutherland Adaptive And Collaborative Communities Project (Includes Dornoch)</p> <p>Jodie Ross from Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust explained the project. The first part of the project was the Sutherland Engagement Project which focussed on engaging with people across Sutherland. The second project is the Sutherland Adaptive and Collaborative Communities Project which aims to reduce inequalities and bring in enhanced services to the communities in Sutherland as well as supporting Locality groups in Creich, Kinlochberive, Helmsdale, Golspie and Brora to come up with a project.</p> <p>PM stated that he believed Dornoch to have just as many deprived people as in the areas mentioned. PM asked if DACC should be attending meetings for the new project—. Ms Ross stated she would add those interested to the mailing list.</p> <p>JB asked what the main points were. Ms Ross said off the top of her head, housing was an issue in 2018 (second homes etc) and seasonal work. Ms Ross will provide a full list of priorities for LR to circulate. JB asked if DACC could help, and Ms Ross stated that they will be helping communities find projects as part of their Covid-19 recovery scheme and looking at different sources of funding.</p> <p>PM thanked Ms Ross for attending the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO JOIN MEETING ON THE 18TH DECEMBER</p>	<p>LR</p>
<p>a.</p>	<p>Phil Tomalin – Ward Manager – Discussing funding options from the Common Good to use for the refurbishment of the Dornoch Public Toilets</p> <p>PT stated he had hoped to have numbers for the meeting – but did not. With, these a decision would not be possible for the November committee meeting. So a decision could not be made before February 2021.</p> <p>JB asked PT if Debbie Sutton could join the next meeting. An invitation will be extended.</p> <p>PM asked if anyone had any further questions for PT? JM asked PT for a no entry sign at the bottom of the bank steps and enquired as to the twinning of Dornoch with Zettle sign on A9 as it needs either to be restored or removed if</p>	<p>PT, JMc</p>

	the twinning is not in place. The sign belongs to Bear Scotland & JMc will look tentatively into this.	
ITEMS FOR DECISION		
6.	<p>CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>PM proposed Lucy Dixon & Genevieve Duhigg, and both were unanimously elected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNANIMOUSLY AGREED</p>	PM
7.	<p>20/03765/FUL Formation of public car park (including coach, motorhome, motorcycle and bicycle parking). Construction of multi-use games arena (MUGA) and all associated signage Land 105M SW Of T A Centre The Meadows Dornoch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS – DACC SUPPORT</p>	
a.	<p>20/03690/FUL Extract and primary process sand and gravel, process construction and demolition waste Pitgrudy Sand And Gravel Pit Dornoch IV25 3NB - link to planning. Link for consultation request: here.</p> <p>JB noted that there have been several complaints submitted from residents at Pitgrudy due to there being only one access for both caravan site and the quarry.. These included serious health and safety concerns due to the heavy machinery. JB questioned why it was agreed that this was a suitable road for the quarry. GR stated that the road would only be used occasionally and that the road had modern infrastructure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
b.	<p>20/00584/FUL Strathrory Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 35 years, comprising of 7 wind turbines, 5 with a maximum blade tip height of 180m, 1 with a maximum blade tip height of 160m, 1 with a maximum blade tip height of 150m access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure. Land At Torr Leathann Strathrory Ardross AIness – Planning application here. Further documentation including impact on Dornoch Bridge graphic here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
c.	<p>Consultation on proposal to change the use of an area of Dornoch Links to the site for the location of a takeaway food van. Link</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
d.	<p>20/03168/FUL Erect 1.8m high fence 12 Ross Avenue Dornoch IV25 3TD Link</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
e.	<p>20/03606/FUL Castle Close Antiques: replace the upper unstable gable with new timber framed construction, finished with a painted panel system. Castle Close Antiques 1 Castle Street Dornoch IV25 3SN Link</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO OBJECTIONS</p>	JMc

	DM asked if, given the building had been made safe with the removal of the gable end, it still required the road to be closed and would like it re-opened. JMc will raise this matter – DM also asked if it would be beneficial for DACC to invite someone from the roads department to speak Agreed.	
f.	20/03796/FUL Erection of extension and installation of dormers to house The Old Manse Sutherland Road Dornoch IV25 3SX Link NO OBJECTIONS	
8.	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PM proposed asking George Mackay to put up the lights due to Covid-19 restrictions. SUPPORTED	PM
9.	ADDITIONAL – STREET NAMING REQUEST DACC has been advised that Bishopfield Court is not an acceptable name for the new road at the Bishopfield housing extension. Melville Road was suggested as an alternative, but GR noted that in the recommendations it was advised against using living members/figures. PM asked for everyone to come up with a name and to email him tomorrow (22 nd October)	ALL
10.	DORNOCH FIRTH SALTMARSH Not discussed.	
ITEMS FOR NOTING & DISCUSSION		
PROGRESS REPORTS & UPDATES		
11.		
a.	COVID-19 NO COMMENTS RECEIVED	
b.	DORNOCH SKIP Mr McKinnie of Highland Council (HC) believed the service a satisfactory first step but HC are still hoping to extend the service to a second day if there is adequate demand. JB agreed to put out a survey to find the preferred times for our residents. IN PROGRESS	JB
c.	DORNOCH TRUST Application for Dornoch Trust to be wound up had been submitted & received by Companies House. IN PROGRESS	PM

d.	<p align="center">BEACH DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING TIMBER DIVIDERS AT THE BEACH CAR PARK</p> <p align="center">Discussed under point 18.</p>	
e.	<p>DORNOCH PLANNING SEMINAR</p> <p>A virtual meeting was held with Angela Simpson. The first step is to seek advice from HC's Shane Manning regarding road issues. Ms Simpson is in the process of arranging a meeting between interested parties of the beach, but it would have to be led by a group that is not the community council therefore, DACIC will now lead on this.</p> <p>Once the beach part of the project is clarified, the plan would expand to Dornoch as a whole, and include updating the current 'Dornoch Economic Masterplan (2013)'.</p> <p>JMc to press Shane Manning for a meeting date.</p> <p align="center">IN PROGRESS</p>	JMc
f.	<p>EARLS CROSS AND STATION ROAD WOODLAND</p> <p align="center">DISCUSSED IN POINT 4H</p>	
g.	<p>DORNOCH BURN CLEAN</p> <p>JM stated the burn is clean due to heavy rain but still had weeds. DM also stated the area by the surgery – opposite the carpark – had an old pallet stuck in it and would need a JCB to clear. JMc or DM will speak to Ross Mackay regarding this.</p> <p>JB stated the recollection of the last meeting was that PT was hiring a JCB anyway and that they would clean the burn.</p> <p>JMC stated that the area included in this was from the foreshore to the Caravan Park. PM thought the agreement was from the station all the way to the sea. JMc clarified the JCB work would be conducted through the caravan site but the other cleaning (weeds) will be from the station down & carried out manually – no JCB.</p>	DM & JMc
h.	<p>LITTER</p> <p align="center">NOT TO DISCUSS UNTIL POST COVID-19</p>	
12.	<p>NEW MARKINGS AT DORNOCH SQUARE</p> <p>New Markings were put in near the old Police Station house which has caused issue for residents. JMc had already raised this with those responsible at HC in order to allow the residents to park as normal.</p> <p align="center">IN PROGRESS</p> <p>JB raised concern that these new parking restrictions were put in place without consultation with DACC. JMc stated that he had brought the problem of parking in the square to the attention of Shane Manning who then put in place the standard procedure. JB noted he would have preferred the options to have been discussed before they were put in place.</p>	

13.	<p>TELEPHONE BOXES AT DORNOCH SQUARE</p> <p>JB was asked by the museum if there would be any objection to them using the telephone boxes for a Historylinks project? The museum would then take over their upkeep. GR stated they may still be in use and that BT was unwilling to give them up.</p> <p>JB clarified that if they were in use then Historylinks had no interest in trying to take them over, but if they were not in use then the Museum would look at presenting a proposal for their future upkeep.</p>	JB
14.	<p>BENCH AND CHAIRS AT AIRFIELD</p> <p>PM stated he was in favour and asked if it could be added to the municipal project lists. GR agreed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p>	JB
15.	<p>Correspondence including any submission from Police (<i>Secretary</i>)</p> <p>None received.</p>	
16.	<p>ROADS AND PATHWAYS</p> <p>WHITE LINES – BLIND SUMMIT - CAMORE AREA Measurements had been taken and the current proposals did not meet regulatory requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p> <p>20MPH SIGNAGE – THROUGH TOWN JMc stated it would require a community consultation. JMc reiterated the remit of the roads department area was large.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p> <p>SCOTTISH WATER POTHoles – SHORE ROAD PM is in communication with Scottish Water & is awaiting a quote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p> <p>WHITE LINES ON STATION ROAD DM queried the progress of the white lines on Station Road. PM asked JMc if it was up to HC or the developer Springfield. JMc agreed to follow up with the developer, whilst noting that it is not the season for white lining.</p> <p>WHITE LINES ON STATION BRAE DM also brought up white lines at Station Brae, which is definitely HC's responsibility – JMc to follow up.</p> <p>'SLOW' SIGN AT CARNEGE STREET JM brought up the 'slow' sign at Carnege Street and suggested it should be moved to River Street, which is now more dangerous. JMc said he will follow this up.</p>	<p>JMc</p> <p>PM</p> <p>JMc</p> <p>JMc</p> <p>JMc</p>
17.	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT (JB)</p> <p>JB circulated an update on finance showing little change from last month, with income of £122.74 and expenditure of £529.84.</p>	JB

<p>18.</p>	<p>MUNICIPAL PROJECTS UPDATE (JB)</p> <p>JB gave an overview and stated he had discussed a number of projects with HIE (Angela Simpson) regarding funding of approximately £6.5k. The outcome was that some funding was available, but unfortunately it could not be released to a Community Council.</p> <p>JB subsequently submitted a similar application to the Common Good Fund, which had been accepted by the Councillors.</p> <p>The nine projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replacement tree at Kennedy Avenue 2. Repairs to War Memorial Bench 3. Welcome to Dornoch Signs (repainting) 4. Operational shortfall of the Beach Toilets (c. £500) 5. New Information Board at the beach carpark, required for Blue Flag beach award. 6. BBQ stands to protect picnic benches 7. Refurbish Beach toilet block 8. Remodel the entrance of the overflow carpark to make splayed entrance 9. Purchase Christmas Trees & employ George Mackay if he agrees to do Christmas lights <p>The list did not included repairs and repainting the cemetery gates, but JB suggested that this could be done with any money saved.</p> <p>There were no objections with any of the proposals. JB stated that he was happy to run the projects, with the Beach toilets being the next priority, then Christmas lights/decorations.</p> <p>PM to contact George Mackay tomorrow (i.e. 22 October). JM to go ahead and speak to Kenny Martin regarding the gates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Progress</p> <p>Cycle Trail DM: On hold due to Covid-19 restrictions On Hold</p> <p>Cemetery Gates A Council responsibility but no funding available. JM stated he had received quotes from a local painter of £280 for cemetery gates and £300 for the cathedral gates (including the sign). In Progress</p> <p>Broken Seat at the War Memorial FINISHED</p> <p>Signs into Dornoch JB reported that Dave Mahoney had agreed to refurbish the signs for the cost of materials (£220). DM observed this was a very generous offer.</p> <p>Regarding the signs, GR asked if they read 'Royal Borough'. JB confirmed they do not and the intention was to just to repaint as is.</p> <p>GR then noted that the 400-year anniversary of the Royal Charter is in 2028 and JB suggested this would make for a nice project to get new signage.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PM JM</p>
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	In Progress	
19.	AOCB	
	<p>JM proposed that the Roll of Honour boards in the Council Chambers be updated as another municipal project. There were no objections to this and JB agreed to add this to the project list.</p> <p>DM asked why the footpath signs in the town were marked in Kilometres and not Miles. PM stated that this is not a DACC matter.</p> <p>DM questioned whether the containers beside the old Sutherland Show shed at the airfield are being held on to and when they will be released. JMc stated that it would be best to contact a member of the committee to find out the plans for the coming season. DM asked if the building warrant had gone through – JMc stated it had. DM to speak to Alan Munro with April 1st as a suggested deadline.</p> <p>DM questioned when the tree at Kennedy Avenue would be planted – PM stated November.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DM</p>
	MEETING CLOSED AT: 21:03	
	<p>With no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at the above time and the date of next meeting is stated below.</p>	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18TH NOVEMBER, 2020, AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DORNOCH (IF ALLOWED).	