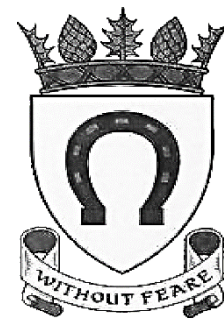


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 7PM
VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL**



PRESENT

Patrick Murray – Chair - PM
Graeme Ross – Vice Chair - GR
Jerry Bishop – Treasurer – JB
Jimmy Melville – JM
Genevieve Duhigg – GD
Lucy Dixon – LD
Lesley Strang - LS

IN ATTENDANCE

Lou Rollason – Minutes – LR
Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc

N/B: PLEASE USE THE LINKS IN THE HEADINGS (WHERE APPLICABLE) TO ACCESS CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION		
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Davie MacBeath & Phil Tomalin.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST None received	
3.	<u>ADOPTION & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (21/1/21)</u> The minutes were proposed by GR as a true account of the meeting and seconded by JB.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA – NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT)	
a.	5a - Dornoch Free Church letter of support had been sent.	
b.	6 (historic) - JB circulated e-mail correspondence from the planning department and it appears that DACC do not normally need to trouble themselves with section 75 which refer to contracts between developers and the HC.	
c.	12 – A new plan was published regarding the traffic at Elizabeth Crescent. JB wished to extend his thanks to DM, PM & JMc. JMc to check the new plan has been adopted	JMC
d.	6b – JMc checked the routes that were being assessed and had not yet heard back. To be taken off list of action points.	JMC
e.	14 – Police – LD contacted the police, and they cannot join due to security concerns relating to Zoom meetings but will continue to send reports.	LD
f.	16 – Discussion on adoption of Youth Members to be postponed until next meeting.	

GUEST SPEAKERS		
5.		
a.	<p>PHIL TOMALIN (PT) – WARD MANAGER</p> <p>PT sent his apologies and stated that the public toilet quotations were not finalised.</p> <p>PM stated that the Caravan Park had refurbished their toilets for approximately £40,000 and stated that it showed how slow HC was. JB agreed & stated that this was disappointing, and that DACC cannot now meet the deadline for the County Meeting in May without having the time to scrutinise the figures.</p>	
	ITEMS FOR DECISION	
6.	<p>MEMBERSHIP REVIEW:</p> <p>a. PM proposed Yvonne Macrae citing her work within Embo for the Covid crisis. He believed she would be a great addition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DACC UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF CO-OPTING YVONNE MACRAE</p>	
	PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS	
7.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ERECTION OF HOUSE & GREENHOUSE – STRUIE ROAD - 21/00400/FUL</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO ADVERSE COMMENTS RAISED</p>	
8.	<p><u>MUNICIPAL PROJECTS PROPOSAL - JB</u></p> <p>JB ran through the proposal; no comments regarding phase 1.</p> <p>JMc suggested a small deterrent for campervans and caravans staying overnight at Proncy Cemetery. He was waiting to hear from HC but estimated a rough cost of £250 – GD is in support.</p> <p>It was agreed to add the proposed work at the Proncy Cemetery to the new grant application being submitted to the Common Good Fund, raising the total to be applied for in Phase 2 to £4,084.49.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>	JB
9.	<p>VISITOR MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING: THE <u>BEACH PLANNING MEETING</u> & <u>TEAMS MEETING</u> & <u>TOWN</u></p> <p>The plan was distributed offline. Out of 17 points for Phase 1, 15 were agreed upon.</p> <p>The two that needed more consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of parking on Castle Street – requires a full community consultation. • Proposal to make the airfield an area for parking for campervans and caravans – overnight parking only, no camping and no daytime parking. <p>JB reminded members they were not voting to get the points actioned, but merely indicating their support for proposals to be contained in the final Dornoch Visitor Management Plan being produced by HIE.</p> <p>PM clarified that they are voting on the 15 agreed upon in the document and the final two will be discussed.</p>	

15 POINTS APPROVED

Regulation of parking on Castle Street

PM opened the floor for JB to re-propose the Castle Street parking. JB stated the problem was campervans and caravans parking in the area, taking up more than one space or spreading across several bays. The proposal was to encourage people to park in the carpark, rather than on Castle Street by restricting parking to say one hour free with no return within three hours.

Comments were received including:

- A consultation being required for all residents.
- It being a whole town plan, not just in one place.
- Accessible parking being an issue.
- Residents needing the parking due to not having private parking in their properties.
- This is a major issue for Dornoch, not something that can be done quickly with no easy solution.
- A full public meeting – not phone in or e-mail.

PM proposed that by the next meeting the views of the people (via telephone) residents and businesses on Castle Street were sought.

LD asked whether, if there was to be a public meeting, was there any point in having a discussion with current residents and business owners at this stage as their views may change during a public consultation.

LS agreed with GD & LD that this impacts all of Dornoch as Castle Street is so intrinsic to the town.

JB respected the wishes of DACC however stated that he thought this summer would be worse and it would be worth trying. He stated that he looked forward to people coming forward and bringing ideas for managing the parking and traffic.

JB UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED THE VIEWS OF DACC AND THUS ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A VOTE

GD proposed that DACC had made a good first start, and not to do nothing, just do more of the work that had been started.

LD brought together the idea that there could be tweaks to things that have been approved. For example: signs pointing to 2+ hour parking in car parks, without the need for specific restrictions thus drawing the parkers elsewhere.

Proposal to make the airfield an area for parking for campervans and caravans – overnight parking only, no camping and no daytime parking

The intention is not to draw business away from the Caravan Park, but to be used only when it is full and only for overnight parking. The proposal would be experimental and the main stakeholder who would need to agree would be the Caravan Park. The proposal would be that the Caravan Park would take a small fee and look after the area.

Views raised were:

- The area's popularity is well known and thought to be unlikely to be supported by the residents.
- Who would regulate this?
- The road is an adopted road and Royal Dornoch Golf Club (RDGC) have land either side, the car park is not an adopted carpark and it is public land and is likely an asset of the Common Good and there is nothing that anyone could do to stop caravans and campervans parking down there for free as it is.
- Two options are that DACC does nothing and accepts the current situation or attempts to regulate it.
- Before 10am and after 6pm was the suggested time

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sales of campervans and caravans have exploded, and they will still visit, this is about giving them somewhere (off the main areas) to stay. <p>PM ASKS FOR THIS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANOTHER MONTH – AGREED</p>	
ITEMS FOR NOTING & DISCUSSION		
10.	<p><u>FINANCIAL UPDATE</u></p> <p>JB stated there was no change expect for a slight change within the document to reflect GR's request to clarify that DACC does not control the Common Good Funds in the same way it does its own bank account.</p>	
11.	<p>MUNICIPAL PROGRESS REPORTS & UPDATES</p>	
a.	<p><u>WITHIN DACC'S CONTROL (JB)</u></p> <p>Discussed above in point 8.</p>	
b.	<p><u>AWAITING HC ACTIONS (JMC)</u></p> <p>JMc stated that he had forwarded this to the area manager, and they have agreed to monitor and review this on a monthly basis.</p> <p>JMc agreed to check that the extraction routes for the tree felling at Camore are sensible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p>	JMC
12.	<p><u>OTHER PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORTS</u></p> <p>Report from Charles Minall regarding the food bank and vaccinations of Covid-19. PM praised Charles and his team for all the work they have done to help those worst affected by Covid.</p> <p>JMc reported that the ownership of the old Hangar at the Airfield is unknown and JB stated that as it is on Common Good land, in the absence of any lease it should revert to the Common Good Fund. In the meantime JMc is optimistic that the Show will agree to move all their materials to their new warehouse, but that they would like to combine this task with their preparations for the next show.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN PROGRESS</p>	
13.	<p><u>NEW COUL LINKS PROPOSAL</u></p> <p>PM read out the proposal linked above.</p> <p>GR reiterated that as a community council involved in planning, DACC cannot comment on items where no planning has been submitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DACC AGREE TO THE PROPOSAL</p>	
14.	<p>DORNOCH WORKPLAN</p>	

	PM stated that DACC needed to look at those to honour for the community award. JB suggested looking towards the other community groups to find nominations which must be decided by May.	
15.	<u>DOG FOULING</u> PM not in favour of discussing this until DM returns. DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MONTH	DM
16.	DORNOCH COMMUNITY/MASTERPLAN (GD) Discussed in point 9.	
17.	CORRESPONDENCE LR stated that no police report had yet been given. It was agreed to send through correspondence from the East & Central Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau.	LR
18.	ROADS AND PATHWAYS PM asked who owned the land behind the library, JMc believed HC owned both the library and the land behind. PM proposed that something should be done with it. LD asked if it could be offered as staff parking on the high street. JM asked who would clean this area up. TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN Free Church Cemetery gate is crumbling away and it was decided to seek DM's advice on how to deal with this. TO AWAIT DM'S RETURN	DM
19.	AOCB JM – An area of land opposite the spa at the business park is in a state of disrepair. JB reminded him that this is an area that is undergoing planning and no further action is required.	
MEETING CLOSED AT: 21:11		
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.		
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17TH MARCH, 2021, AT 7PM VIA ZOOM		