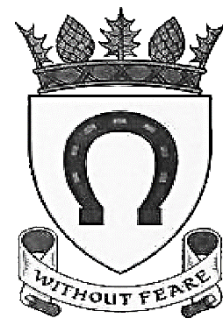


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF  
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
IN PERSON AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING CHAMBER**



**PRESENT**

Angi Banks – AB  
Andrew Cameron – AC  
Chris Ferne – CF  
Fiona Fraser – FF  
Catherine Macangus – CM – Chair

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lou Rollason – LR – Correspondence Secretary  
Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc  
Patrick Murray – PM – Previous Chair  
Mike Hanratty – MH – prospective co-opted DACC Member  
Eric DeVenny – EDV – prospective co-opted DACC Member

**VISITORS**

None

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<b>Introduction</b>	CM welcomed all to the meeting and moved immediately to Item 7 (Co-option of Members). She moved to co-opt Finlay Gibson from the previous Council, and new prospective members Michael Hanratty and Eric DeVenny. These co-optees were unanimously approved and took their places as members of the Council.	
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Antony Hope – AH; Finlay Gibson – FG	
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> JMc declared an interest in Item 6(a) as a Director of the applicant body. -	
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOPTION &amp; ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (15/11/23)</b> The minutes of the last meeting <a href="#">here</a> were then proposed by AC as an accurate account, and seconded by AB.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA – (NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT))</b>	
<b>a.</b>	Item 9 from the last minutes was raised. JMc indicated that this was not in effect a Council issue, but he was in regular communication with Deans Court residents and also the relevant Site Manager who had stated that he might be able to suggest a solution to the complaints which had not been resolved. EDV mentioned the unsatisfactory factoring situation and the need for a residents committee. AC focussed on the sewage issue and the gulley which drained the site to the sea. Munro Street seemed to have specific problems. EDV suggested a meeting be organised and that Janet Horne Square was also a problem area.	

	<b>ITEMS FOR DECISION</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>PLANNING &amp; LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>a.</b>	Licensing – None	
<b>b.</b>	Planning – 23/04775/FUL. Members agreed unanimously to support this application.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	<p>Beinn Tharsuinn – Embo Community Centre Heating Improvement Project B  JMc left the room, and the discussion was opened with LR taking the minutes in his absence. A recap on the previous funding application for the Embo Community Centre was had with AC asking if the community had fundraised for the project at all. It was agreed to ask JMc upon his return as the answer was unknown. It was pointed out by CF that DACC had already supported the project with £2500. EDV questioned if the windfarm funding was more applicable for Embo, but CM stated that it wasn't the case for Embo and that Embo cannot access the Common Good Fund – which is only for Dornoch. CF stated that many foundations and funding bodies would likely support the project due to the environmental aspects and listed several. He wished to know if they had applied for these and if not, if they could before receiving funding from DACC. CF also raised concerns with the business plan and worried it would be a 'white elephant' – with the building getting the work but no tenancy agreed, potentially lying empty and would like to see a business plan if possible. Upon his return, CM asked JMc if they had been elsewhere for funding, JMc stated they had not due to being either ineligible or the process taking too long. CF read off several sources to which JMc had already applied to with no luck.</p> <p>A vote was not taken due to further pending enquiries about the application.</p>	
<b>(b)</b>	<p>Common Good Application – Bradbury Centre  The option for the Dornoch Community Car was raised. AC pointed out there were now 39 volunteer drivers for this vehicle but it mainly for access to medical treatment. FF pointed out that this did not have wheelchair access. CF had it confirmed that there was around £4,500 in the DACC account. PM stated that there was soon to be the sum of nearly £100,000 coming annually into the Common Good account and that the CC faced the issue of spending or saving. CF stated that the Aberdeen Common Good had around £65 million in capital funds.</p> <p>CM proposed the application be accepted and this was seconded by CF. There was no counter amendment, and the application was approved.</p>	
<b>(c)</b>	<p>Common Good Application – Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party  This had been retracted before the meeting.</p>	
	<b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>CO-OPTING OF NEW MEMBERS</b>	
	This was dealt with at the start of the meeting.	

8.	<b>FINANCE UPDATE</b> AH not present to provide an update.	
9.	<b>PROJECTS UPDATE</b>	
(a)	<b>DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS</b> No action arising from this item.	
(b)	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS</b> The matter of road flooding at the entrance to Embo was raised. JMc replied that Roads Officers were aware of this and were looking for a solution.	
(c)	<b>DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</b> No action arising from this item.	
10.	<b>ROADS &amp; PATHWAYS</b> Deferred to January meeting.	
11.	<b>TOWN TASK FORCE</b> Deferred to January meeting.	
12.	<b>PARKING IN DORNOCH</b> Deferred to January meeting.	
13.	<b>DORNOCH PLACE PLAN</b> Deferred to January meeting.	
14.	<b>PLANET YOUTH</b> JMc reported that he had met with the Planet Youth (PY) officers at the Social Club and had discussed their objectives and offered the Embo Community Centre as an outreach site for their purposes. MH raised the issues of alcohol versus sugar content and also vapes and cigarettes. Action: invite the PY team to the January meeting or subsequent if not available.	LR
15.	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> None. LR to follow up.	LR
16.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> Relevant correspondence can be found <a href="#">here</a> . There were no actions arising.	
19.	<b>AOCB</b>	
(a)	EDV asked about the availability of the new MUGA facility and whether the surface was suitable for 5-a-side football and similar activities.	

<b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 19:47</b>		
<b>WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE CHAIR EXTENDED HER THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND CLOSED THE MEETING.</b>		
<b>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS STATED BELOW.</b>		
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024</b>		
<b>LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED</b>		