



**GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)
IN PERSON AT CARNEGIE BUILDING CHAMBER
HELD ON WED 20th MARCH 2024 – 7pm
AGENDA**

Full Documentation: [HERE](#)

PRELIMINARIES

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of interests
3. Adoption of Minutes of 21st February 2024 meeting – [Link](#)
4. Matters Arising (not otherwise covered in agenda below)

VISITORS

Willie Mackay – Cathedral Tower

ITEMS FOR DECISION

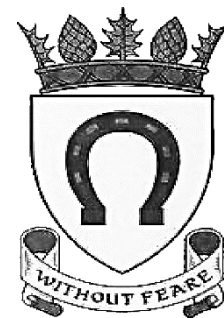
5. Planning & Licensing Applications
 - a. 24/00846/FUL | Alteration, extension and detached garage | Dhumount Hilton Dornoch IV25 3PW – [Link Here](#)
 - b. 24/00688/LBC | Installation of external polycarbonate protective screens to windows. | Dornoch Free Church Of Scotland Church Street Dornoch IV25 3LP – [Link Here](#)
 - c. 24/00577/PNO | Prior Notification to store tractor, topper and other attachments for tractor | Land 40M West Of Stoneyfield Evelix Dornoch – [Link Here](#)
6. Funding Applications
N/A
7. Other
 - a. Beach Toilets - In OneDrive [Here](#)

ITEMS FOR NOTING &/or DISCUSSION

8. Finance update - AH
 9. Projects update –
 - a. DACC Maintenance Projects
 - b. Highland Council Projects
 - c. Development Projects
 10. Roads & Pathways
 - a. Notification of Works – In OneDrive [Here](#)
 11. Dornoch Burn – In OneDrive [Here](#)
 12. Town Taskforce
 13. Parking in Dornoch
 14. Dornoch Place Plan
 15. Police Report – [Link Here](#)
 16. Correspondence not discussed above - One Drive Folder - [Link](#)
 - a. Cycle Tourism
 - b. End of Year Procedures
 - c. Adverts (Road Works in local vicinity)
 - d. Dornoch Beach Wheelchairs
- Any Other Competent Business

Date of Next Meeting 17th April 2024

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024
IN PERSON AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING CHAMBER**



PRESENT

Angela Banks – AB
Andrew Cameron – AC
Eric DeVenny – EDV
Chris Ferne – CF
Mike Hanratty – MH

IN ATTENDANCE

Lou Rollason – LR – Correspondence Secretary
Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc
Caroline MacMorran – Northern Times

VISITORS

Willie Mackay – WM – Dornoch Cathedral
Paddy Murray – PM – Previous DACC Chair & Provost

PLEASE USE THE LINKS IN THE HEADINGS (WHERE APPLICABLE) TO ACCESS CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION.		
Introduction	In the absence of CM, AB took the Chair.	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Fiona Fraser – FF; Catherine Macangus – CM; Finlay Gibson – FG; Antony Hope – AH.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST NONE -	
3.	ADOPTION & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (21/01/24) The minutes of the last meeting here were then proposed by EDV as an accurate account, and seconded by CF.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA – (NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT)	
a.	JMc provided a summary of progress on the actions assigned to him at the previous meeting.	
ITEMS FOR DECISION		
5.	PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS	
	Licensing – None	
a.	24/00315/FUL – unanimous decision, no comment to be made.	
b.	24/00275/LBC – unanimous decision, no comment to be made.	

6.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
(a)	None	
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
7.	FINANCE UPDATE AH provided a summary report to be read out in his absence.	AH
8.	PROJECTS UPDATE	
(a)	DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS No action arising from this item. DACC Members will take on board such initiatives as can be instigated as things progress.	
(b)	HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS JMc updated DACC Members on Council activity in the area.	
(c)	DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS No action arising from this item, as per Item 8(a).	
9.	ROADS & PATHWAYS AC raised the issue of flooding in the Munro Street area of Deans Park. JMc undertook to follow this up with relevant agencies. EDV indicated that moves were afoot to establish a Deans Park Residents Association to address this and other unsatisfactory issues. He went on to mention stones on the verges at households on the Cuthill Road, such stones causing damage to unwary vehicles. AC pursued these comments by highlighting the speed and volume of traffic currently using this side road, and that advice from the Roads Team should be requested. CF mentioned excessive vehicle speed on Evelix Road into Castle Street and requested enforcement of the relevant speed limits. JMc undertook to ask for speed checks and to contact the Safe Routes to School Officer for further advice.	JMC
10.	DORNOCH BURN JMc sought the Council opinion on the flooding on the Links arising from the blockage of the Dornoch Burn. DACC Members unanimously approved a motion, proposed by AB and seconded by CF, that the exit of the Burn into the Firth be dredged to its previous channel, and that funding be taken from the Common Good to enable this if so required, though mention of the Morrisons Community Fund was made in this context. JMc agreed to follow this up with the relevant agencies, SEPA, Council Flood Management Team, and Nature Scot.	JMC
11	TOWN TASKFORCE Deferred in the absence of FG.	
12.	PARKING IN DORNOCH	JMC

	JMc again took an action to send on the current plan for yellow lines as designed for a trial 18-month period by the Council Parking Manager.	
13.	<p>DORNOCH PLACE PLAN</p> <p>The suggestions put forward by previous District Councillor and Provost were discussed, these being the main points arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donald Ross statue in Square. WM informed the meeting that RDGC had plans for commemorations of both Donald Ross and John Sutherland in hand. - Relay pavements in Castle Street. This was seen as a positive suggestion. MH commented that it could improve drainage. - More housing. ADV pointed out drainage issues if Dornoch West was extended. - Supermarket at Pitgrudy. It was felt this would be a decision for a suitable commercial operator to make and none had come to Dornoch so far. - Cycle Trail. This was welcomed as a good suggestion. - Footbridge at Littleferry. This had positive implications for IV25 should it ever come about. - Tree planting around new developments. It was thought this should be a standard Planning requirement. - A Tree Nursery. Some positive comments but a matter for private initiative. - Coul Links Championship Golf Course. Clear economic advantages but a matter for Scottish Ministers. - No further development at The Meadows. No negative opinions. 	
14.	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>None. LR to follow up and JMc to seek assistance from the Area Commander to try to get more regular Police reports. Matter still outstanding.</p>	LR, JMC
15.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Relevant correspondence can be found here . There were no actions arising.	
16.	AOCB	
(a)	CF enquired about the Dornoch Caravan Park lease.	
(b)	EDV provided a further update on activities at The Meadows. All groups are working well together, with good numbers for Football at all ages, and Cricket also doing well.	
(c)	WM informed members of the various anniversaries approaching for the Cathedral and the Burgh, with the next key year being 2026, 400 years as a Royal Burgh. He highlighted key issues facing the Cathedral and the emerging strategy of Worship v Tourism.	
(d)	PM stated that a Place Plan is needed to encourage development, and that some plan will be better than no plan.	

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 20:50
WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE CHAIR EXTENDED HER THANKS TO THOSE WHO
ATTENDED AND CLOSED THE MEETING.**

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS STATED BELOW.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20TH MARCH 2024

LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED

Fwd: Road Resurfacing Works

Lou Dornoch <louindornoch@gmail.com>

Wed 28/02/2024 10:38

To: Minutes Secretary <dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk>

 7 attachments (3 MB)

A949 war memorial.doc; embo village.doc; Kennedy avenue.doc; square layby.doc; Notification of works high bridge streets.doc; Notification of works Elizabeth Crescent.doc; Notification of works st Gilbert st.doc;

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brian Fraser (Roads Operations (Caithness & Suth.))** <Brian.Fraser@highland.gov.uk>

Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2024 at 10:46

Subject: Road Resurfacing Works

To: Catherine MacAngus (Customer & Registration Services)

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Now that Highland Broadband have substantially completed installation of their network we intend to carry out resurfacing works at a number of locations within Dornoch and Embo.

These works form part of the Highland Council's Capital Structural Programme for 2023 / 24 and require to be completed by 1st April.

Weather permitting works will commence next Monday 4th March with a planing operation to remove the existing failed road surfaces, this should take 3 to 4 days.

This will be followed this with a surfacing operation to lay a new road surface.

All works will be carried out by Highland Council staff.

Notices (attached) have been completed and will be distributed in the next couple of days.

Brian Fraser

Roads Officer - Sutherland

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DADCA DORNOCH & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Lou Rollason

Dornoch Community Centre Bookings

DADCA

If making a booking with us, please make sure you have the door access codes before your event.

m: 07766444780

a: [Dornoch Community Centre, School Hill, Dornoch, IV25 3LS](#)

w: www.dadca.org.uk e: louindornoch@gmail.com



RE: Burn

Phil Tomalin (Community Support & Ward Management) <Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk>

Wed 20/03/2024 12:20

To: info@dornochcaravans.co.uk <info@dornochcaravans.co.uk>

Cc: James McGillivray (Councillor) <Jim.McGillivray.cllr@highland.gov.uk>; neil@royaldornoch.com

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DC Briefing - Golspie Storm Damage 9th to 12th Feb 2024.pdf;

Thanks Lynn and Darren

I understand your concerns and frustration with the prolonged period that the ground has been saturated. It is difficult to know how much of this can be attributed to the slow flow of the burn and how much to the exceptionally wet winter that we have had, particularly with reference to the parts of the caravan park away from the burn that have standing water every winter. Digging a new channel may help, but equally it may not resolve all the groundwater issues in the caravan park.

The political direction is that we should seek a short term fix (i.e. dig a channel) followed by a long term solution (design and implement a sustainable solution for water management in lower Dornoch burn, using the RRC report a starting point). We are working on this, but we operate within a framework of regulations that have to be adhered to.

We met with a SEPA officer last Friday who has confirmed that SEPA does not need to be involved with digging of a new channel (approx 50m in length) through the last sand bank/ dune on to the beach.

We now need to follow up other issues including:

- whether a Marine Scotland licence would be required to dig a channel
- need to consider any coastal protection issues/ implications of digging new channel
- any liability issues for the organisation (Council) that commissions any work, and whether it is possible for third parties (Caravan Park, Golf Club) to indemnify the Council against any damage resulting from that work, and whether those third parties would be willing to do so.

I have a meeting tomorrow (Thurs) to discuss these issues with HC flood team and NatureScot.

Additionally, before any work can be carried out, we would also need to

- Agree on location and job spec.
- Identify contractor.

Given this, we need to be realistic about timescales.

Finally, I have attached the report from recent coastal flooding at Golspie. I do not think you will have seen this, but it gives some context of the problems happening along the coast and what can happen during a storm surge.. In particular, please see the sections relating to Golspie Caravan park and Kart Track.

Thanks

Phil

From: info@dornochcaravans.co.uk <info@dornochcaravans.co.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:34 PM

To: James McGillivray (Councillor) <Jim.McGillivray.cllr@highland.gov.uk>; Phil Tomalin (Community Support & Ward Management) <Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk>; dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk;

neil@royaldornoch.com

Subject: Burn

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Hi

We are opening in 1 week s time. It is obvious that the overflow from the burn is not going anywhere until we help it find its way out to the shore. As a result, the water table is very high all over the caravan park. We have about 8 static caravans which are inaccessible at the present time. We will probably have to give the owners money off their site fees if they cannot access there caravans at easter. We also have about 25 pitches which are currently under water. Again, they will not be usable until we help the stagnant water reach the sea!! We currently have 55 booked in for easter Saturday. We are going to have to limit this number to 60. My suspicion is that we probably would have reached capacity of 80 for easter weekend but cannot take this number because of the stagnant water around the burn.

We are begging you to hurry the process up for releasing the stagnant water as it is costing us lots of money and lots of very hard conversations with our regular customers. It is an easy process which could be done tomorrow if permission was granted. Why on earth is this dragging on so long! If it is money which is the issue....we have already stated that we will be happy to help as it will save us money in the long term

I know this is a rant but what else can I do....you would probably fine me or jail me if I went and did the work myself!!!

Our telephone number is 07410379236 if you wish to discuss further

Lynn & Darren Redfern
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM

Command Area	North Highland	Community Group	Dornoch CC
Station	N/A	Officer Attending	N/A
Date of Meeting	21/02/24 to 20/03/24	Location	N/A

Meeting Preparation

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	
1. Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle fire A9 at Evelix. No injuries and no suspicious circumstances. Fire service attended.• Minor road traffic accident involving one vehicle at Evelix. Negative breath test and no injuries.
2. Anti-Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of male and female fighting near The Meadows. Police attended. No complaints and both parties advised.• No other calls of an anti-social nature recorded for this period.
3. Alcohol/Drug Misuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No calls of an alcohol or drug related nature recorded for this period.
Update on Previously Agreed Actions –	

N/A

Update on any local community safety issues.

Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages

Current corporate messaging (full details on Police Scotland website):

Sexual Offending:



Hate Crime:



Domestic Abuse:



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Policing Survey. Your views can be recorded by using this link:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/>

Highland & Islands Policing Plan:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/ehak3cc1/highland-local-policing-plan-2023-2026.docx?view=Standard>

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Fwd: DBW

Eric De Venny <eric.devenny@yahoo.com> 20 March 2024 at 12:01
To: Catherine MacAngus <Catherine.Macangus@highland.gov.uk>, James McGillivray <Jim.McGillivray.cllr@highland.gov.uk>, Anthony Hope <antonyjohnhope@gmail.com>, Chris Ferne <chris@pelorus.co.uk>, Finlay Gibson <finlay.gibson@dornochacademy.org.uk>, Lou Rollason <lou.rollason@gmail.com>, Fiona Fraser <fiona.fraser11@btconnect.com>, andrewcameron_17@yahoo.co.uk, angibubz@sky.com

Hi guys

A wee update from the beach wheel chair group - very positive reading!

Kind regards

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Isla Fullerton-Smith <islafs1@gmail.com>
Date: 19 March 2024 at 22:05:26 GMTa lo
To: eric.devenny@yahoo.com
Subject: DBW

Hello Eric,

June asked me to contact you re the DBW charity.

We've had a very busy year. We have put in a Boules court and a concrete tennis table at the play park. We have also bought a new picnic bench, being installed this week. All these items are wheelchair friendly.

We've had a few problems with the table as all the paint fell off after it was delivered so that's being fixed atm. As soon as everything is tickety-boo we will announce it on our Facebook page.

We have also had a new powered chair delivered today so this brings the total number of chairs up to 6.

We are all looking forward to getting back to the shed to get a bit of sunshine and see some happy faces enjoying our lovely beach. We've worked hard to keep this looking clean over the winter months with a lot of help from the ESRA tractor.

So a very positive update form us all this year. I did want to attend the meeting this week to give this update and discuss the possibility of us perhaps applying for a traders license to occasionally put up our gazebo over the summer months but I have to go up north tomorrow.

This can keep for another month.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Kindest regards

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