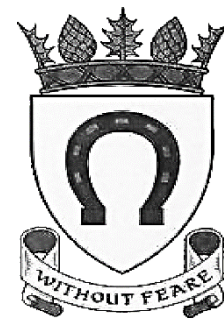


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY, 7 PM
VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON AT THE DORNOCH HUB**



PRESENT

Patrick Murray – Chair – PM
Jerry Bishop – Treasurer – JB
Lucy Dixon – LD (Zoom)
David MacBeth – DM
Jimmy Melville – JM
Graeme Ross – GR (Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc
Lou Rollason (Zoom)

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| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Genevieve Duhigg (GD) and Yvonne Macrae (YM). | |
| 2. | DECLARATION OF INTEREST None were tendered. | |
| 3. | ADOPTION & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (16/2/22) The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by JB as an accurate account of the meeting and seconded by GR. | |
| 4. | MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA – (NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT) | |
| a. | Parking at Elizabeth Crescent: JMc committed to have a further conversation with the individual creating the parking issue. | JMC |
| b. | Burn Clean – an estimate for work on this is still awaited from the preferred contractor. | DM |
| 5. | VISITORS None | |
| ITEMS FOR DECISION | | |
| 6. | PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS | |
| a | 22/01544/FUL, 22/01889/FUL & 22/01916/FUL CC to make no comment on any of these applications. | JB |
| b | 22/02044FUL Erection of house and installation of air source heat pump Yulara 1 Sinclair Court, The Meadows, Dornoch This item invoked considerable discussion with the decision unanimously taken to request consultation. | JM |

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| c | 22/01452/FUL Roads & site services for 6no plots at Croft Pedde PM suggested that the Community Council await pending professional advice on this application before re-considering at a future meeting. | CC |
| 7. | QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION No longer for decision. | |
| 8. | THE QUEEN'S CANOPY LD spoke to this item. Under the main scheme of allocation, the trees will be provided free, but each tree needs to have specific co-ordinates identified, which is a bureaucratic hurdle. It was agreed that 300 trees be funded by the Common Good Fund at a cost of £1271 (free delivery), stored courtesy of the Golf Club to await collection by interested parties, with a preference to proceed as soon as possible. LD to pursue the necessary public advertising to ensure general awareness. | LD |
| 9. | XMAS LIGHTS PM proposed that the main standing trees have white lights and the Xmas Trees to have colour. This was agreed. | PM, JB |
| 10. | FINANCE UPDATE JB spoke to this item. He indicated that as agreed £2,000 had been transferred from the DACC a/c to the Dornoch Trust a/c and notified the Community Council that £360 had been allocated to the Beach Award Scheme, one of four beaches in Scotland to be invited to join the Keep Scotland Beautiful 'My Beach Your Beach' project, and that the accounts were currently with Mackay & Co for examination. He also made available figures showing the present status of the Common Good account. | JB |
| ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION | | |
| 11. | PROJECTS UPDATE | |
| a | DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS No significant change has taken place. The Council Roads Service are committed to supporting the various Beach projects, with passing place signage expected shortly. The question was raised about parking for Health Centre staff and patients once the new parking area is complete. This was noted but there was no immediate answer forthcoming. | PM, JB |
| b | HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS JMc went through this list but could offer no great progress on any item. He undertook to press for progress on each action point, specifically to arrange a Teams meeting with Shane Manning to re-focus attention on the various Beach parking elements, including Invitation to Pay, and to tie the Senior Roads Manager down to progress the Springfield construction traffic track through to Poles Road. | JM |
| c | DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PM indicated no significant progress across the list of projects. Items raised were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Grange Road path and RDGC signage: Matt Dent to be contacted to provide advice. - Airfield Shed: no definite outcome as yet, the matter in the hands of Council Legal Department. - 800 Cathedral Anniversary – held over to next meeting. | PM, JMC |

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| | - Play Area at Primary School: the perimeter fence had been repaired through the efforts of the Parents Council and was now in back in action. Mr Diracles to be invited to a future meeting. | |
| d | DORNOCH PLACE PLAN In the absence of GD, this was held over till the next meeting. | GD |
| e | SEAGULLS In response to the casualties arising from the bird flu epidemic and now being into the active nesting season, LS agreed that it was too late this year to pursue the control measures she had investigated. However, it was agreed that a walk-round take place to assess nuisance hot-spots, and 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 th May was identified for this. | LS, PM, JMC |
| f | DOG-POO PROBLEM DM indicated that there had been no significant movement on this issue around Elizabeth Crescent, but that the airfield was becoming a favourite spot for such deposits, and that some strimming of grass would be helpful. | DM, JB |
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| 12. | DORNOCH COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR 2022 LD continued her preference for a public submission of finalists for this award. PM spoke to his proposal as circulated that the decision be left to the CC because of time constraints. This was agreed after debate, and the winner of the award for the year selected. | PM |
| 13. | FORTHCOMING AGM After discussion, it was agreed that this will take place on 15 th June at 7:00pm in the Hub using the hybrid format of face-to-face with Zoom available on request. The alternative option of a normal meeting in the Chamber of the Carnegie Building was considered but held over to a future AGM. | |
| 14. | ROADS & PATHWAYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carnaig Street – work already completed b. John O’Groats Trail – DM volunteered to do work on the Cambusavie to Mound Straight section. c. A complaint was received about a sizeable pothole at Elizabeth Crescent. JMc indicated that he would follow this up. | DM, JMC |
| 15. | CORRESPONDENCE | |
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| | FILES FROM ONLINE CORRESPONDENCE – There has been no correspondence of substance received relevant to the attention of the meeting. | |
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| 16. | AOCB | |
| a. | POLICE REPORT Report to be requested. | |
| b. | Centenary of War Memorial: funding was requested by JM to buy crosses for the ceremony on 25 th June. The sum of £200 was approved from the DACC account with receipt to be provided to JB. DM raised the matter of the vacant plot of land at Elizabeth Crescent suggesting it would make a good site for a small shop. JMc replied that he | JMc, DB, JM, PM |

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| | <p>had enquired several times of Housing Officers what purpose they had for the land, but no reply had been forthcoming as yet.</p> <p>The issue of the semi-derelict vacant property at the head of River Street was raised but nobody could suggest who the owner might be. The issue of the vacant “Janny’s Hoose” at the School also raised comment. JMc undertook to check through past correspondence to try to identify the River Street owner, and to press Highland Council yet again on the School property.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed to invite 2 senior pupils from the Academy to attend DACC meetings, as had been done by Golspie CC. PM agreed to contact Norman Ross with this invitation.</p> <p>Ukrainian refugees. PM noted that 7 Dornoch residents and 10 Golspie residents had registered to take in Ukrainian refugees. All these 17 residents had agreed to share contact details with and communicate with each other. Golspie Community Council now had a policy of actively encouraging more Golspie residents to take on Ukrainian refugees because they considered that a critical mass can make the exercise easier. For example, if 6 Ukrainian refugee children attend a school then the Highland Council are supposed to supply an extra teacher.</p> <p>PM recommended that Lou Rollason continue in the role of Correspondence Secretary, and this was unanimously approved.</p> <p>The issue of tree-screening for the new houses at Janet Horne Crescent and also the Springfield development was raised and acknowledged.</p> | |
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| <p>c.</p> | <p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>DM raised the following points from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He had followed up the matter of the grey cable across the Burn at the Square and established that it was a live telecoms cable pertaining to BT/Openreach. - James Irvine (JI) requests rose plants for several Burgh locations. Action for JMc to liaise and JI to provide numbers needed - The paving outcrops in Elizabeth Gardens were limiting parking spaces. Advice given was to raise this with Brian Fraser, Senior Roads Technician. Meeting has taken place though not to the satisfaction of the DACC Roads Delegation. Another meeting will be sought to emphasize DACC support for attention to be given to this issue. - There may shortly be a need for a street clean, especially with the new growth of sycamore around the place, build-up of dust in corners and noticeable weed growth. Situation to be investigated with JI. | |
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| <p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 20:45</p> <p>WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE CHAIR EXTENDED HIS THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND CLOSED THE MEETING.</p> <p>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS STATED BELOW.</p> |
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| <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15TH JUNE 2022, AFTER AGM AT 7:00PM</p> <p>LOCATION: HYBRID: ZOOM & THE DORNOCH HUB</p> |
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