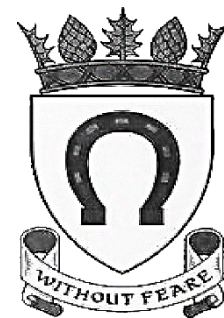


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF  
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
IN PERSON AT DORNOCH HUB & VIA ZOOM**



**PRESENT**

Patrick Murray – PM  
Jerry Bishop – JB (videophone till 20:30)  
Genevieve Duhigg – GD (till 20:05)  
Jimmy Melville – JM  
David MacBeath – DM  
Graeme Ross – GR (Zoom)  
Matthew Gallon – MG  
Finlay Gibson – FG

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Malcolm Hayes – MH (Dornoch Model Flying Club for Item 10)  
Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc (except for Item 6(a))  
Caroline McMorrان (Northern Times)

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>LS  |            |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b><br>JMc declared an interest in Item 6(a) and would withdraw from the room when this was discussed.   |            |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>ADOPTION &amp; ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (19/04/23)</b><br>The minutes of the last meeting <a href="#">here</a> were proposed by GD as an accurate account of the meeting, and seconded by DM. The meeting then moved to address Item 6(a), Item 17, an extra item on BID Update, Item10, an extra item on a Licensing application, then Item 9, before resuming the ordinary schedule at Item 6(b). |            |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA –<br/>(NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT)</b>  |            |
| <b>a.</b> | 6(b) 23/01099/FUL. The Planning Officer responded to indicate that it was not a reasonable condition to insist that the corner be released for improvement and that this should have been done prior to previous developments in the Elizabeth Crescent area. JMc stated that he was pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding between the developer and the Council as a potential way forward.                       | <b>JMC</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | 20(a) Noticeboard – this is work in progress.   | <b>JM</b>  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>VISITORS</b><br>(None)   |            |

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|           | <b>ITEMS FOR DECISION</b>   |           |
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| <b>6.</b> | <b>PLANNING &amp; LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b>  |           |
|           | <a href="#">here</a>  |           |
| <b>a.</b> | 23/00580/FUL<br>Councillor Jim McGillivray cited a conflict of interest and exited the room for the vote on the Planning application for Coul links. JB proposed and PM seconded a motion calling for DACC to support the development. GD proposed and GR seconded an amendment calling for DACC not to comment. The Chair called for votes on the amendment; GD and GR voted in favour of the amendment. The Chair called for votes on the motion which was supported by PM, JB, JM and DM. Both the motion and the proposed amendment are included in full as an appendix to these minutes.   |           |
| <b>b.</b> | 23/01617/FUL, 23/01990/FUL, 23/01882/FUL, 23/01960/PNO, 23/02029/PNO, 23/01977/FUL all no comment.  |           |
| <b>c.</b> | 23/01550/FUL & 23/01543/LBC (Ambassador House)<br>After extended discussion, it was agreed that the Chair undertake the following correspondence:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A letter to Global Energy noting that there had been complaints that Ambassador House had become a venue for under-age drinking and other anti-social activities, and that this not only resulted in litter in the nearby woodland including beer/wine bottles/general trash as well as occasional disturbance to the neighbours, but also possible danger to the under-age users of the venue, because of the poor state of repair of the building. Would Global Energy please let DACC know what their plans are to address this situation?</li> <li>2. A letter to Highland Council Planning noting that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The development plans for Ambassador House have not been actioned for several years, due mainly to access problems particularly for vehicles needed for any construction work, and</li> <li>b. Ambassador House itself used to be an asset to the town of Dornoch and is a listed building, but that it has become an ugly mar on the landscape used by groups of youngsters as a venue for under-age drinking and other anti-social activities, and that Highland Council should meet both Global Energy and local residents at the site to see if a resolution can be found.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <b>PM</b> |
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| <b>7.</b> | <b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b><br>(none)   |           |
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| <b>8.</b> | <b>Provost's Robes and Chain: Historylinks Loan Arrangement</b><br><a href="#">here</a><br>PM introduced this item by asking if GR was content to allow Historylinks to insure these items. GR was adamant that the items were 100% the property of the Community Council and that DACC should insure them. JM commented that in his experience, the owner insures.<br>JB stated that Historylinks were not the actual owners of much of its display, and that the Charter in particular had not been properly stored for a number of years. He added that Historylinks had increased its insurance premium by £100 to cover these items and awaited further instruction. The Chain had been valued professionally and insured in its own right for £50,000.  | <b>PM</b> |

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|                             | <p>PM referred to the letter from the Ward Manager confirming DACC's ownership of these item and asked that JB provide an official letter from Historylinks also acknowledging this ownership, these to be displayed on the DACC website.</p> <p>Since there was no unanimity of agreement over the terms of the loan arrangement, the matter was deferred to the June meeting.</p>   |     |
| 9.                          | <p><b>Dornoch Trees</b><br/> <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a><br/> The proposal from JB was discussed and adopted as policy by the Community Council. GR made a supplementary point about screening trees around the boundary of the Springfield development, and this was noted.</p>  |     |
| 10.                         | <p><b>Dornoch Airfield</b><br/> PM referred to the recent decision by the Council Economy &amp; Infrastructure Committee <a href="#">here</a> for Highland Council to divest itself of the airfields for which it has legacy responsibility. MH stated that the Council had never been good at running the airfield, that the Highland Strut did not use the facility as much now, and that it could be a major asset if operated properly.</p> <p>After contributions from GD and JB, PM undertook to write to the Highland Council Economy &amp; Infrastructure Committee noting that:</p> <p>(a) The Highland Council wishes to stop managing the Dornoch Airfield.<br/> (b) The Airfield is a valuable asset of the Dornoch Common Good which the Highland Council has a duty to manage to the best of its ability.<br/> (c) DACC supports the Highland Council's suggestion that on behalf of the Dornoch Common Good it may seek bids for a lease of the airfield to parties that it believes may have interest in managing it, either on a commercial or on a voluntary basis.</p> | PM  |
| (extra)                     | <p><b>Hotel Licensing Application</b><br/> PM referred to an application by the Castle Hotel to extend its licensed hours to 1:00am 6 days a week and was inclined to object to this. DM stated that most other premises were open for these hours with no significant problems. GR supported this from his own experience of living for a great many years beside the Eagle.<br/> PM agreed that no action be taken.</p>   |     |
| <b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b> |   |     |
| 11.                         | <p><b>FINANCE UPDATE</b><br/> <a href="#">here</a><br/> The Treasurer's report was taken as read</p>  |     |
| 12.                         | <p><b>PROJECTS UPDATE</b></p>   |     |
| a                           | <p><b>DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS</b><br/> <a href="#">here</a><br/> JB's report was taken as read. He added that the surfacing project at the overflow car park had been priced for DACC at £8,000 but that the Ward Manager has suggested that the Highland Council commission the works with a saving of £1,300 VAT to the Common Good. The funding application for signage painting had still to be submitted.</p>  | JB  |
| b                           | <p><b>HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS</b><br/> JMc spoke to the attached report <a href="#">here</a>. He informed the meeting that the Sutherland Capital Roads Programme had been confirmed with 195 priorities</p>  | JMC |

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|                | of which 10 were definitely scheduled for action this financial year with a further 11 very likely. There was a fluid situation with a few other roads projects which would be done as funding allowed. He added that a sign to restrict extended parking at the entrance to the Caravan Park would be in place shortly.   |            |
| <b>c</b>       | <b>DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</b><br><a href="#">here</a><br>PM reported that the scheme of activity as circulated was work in progress.   | <b>PM</b>  |
| <b>13.</b>     | <b>ROADS &amp; PATHWAYS</b><br>DM asked that potholes at Earls X Road and Elizabeth Crescent be drawn to the attention of the Roads Squad.<br>MG and FG referred to excessive rutting on roads around the Memorial.<br>Under Pathways, DM asked for action to be taken on bushes overgrowing a path at Elizabeth Crescent.   | <b>JMC</b> |
| <b>14.</b>     | <b>PARKING IN DORNOCH</b><br>No update on progress had been received from the Council Parking Officer.   |            |
| <b>15.</b>     | <b>ALLSORTS</b><br><a href="#">here</a><br>JMc updated members on the present situation. He reported that the motion from Cllr Gale and himself to reduce lets charges had not been presented as expected at the full Highland Council meeting and had been pulled with no notice at the last minute.<br>There had been, however, several meetings with Council Officers to try to find a solution to the matter and already a 50% reduction in lets charges had been offered. ELC Officers were also working on adopting some Allsorts commitments into their 1140 hours provision. There is not as yet a solution but efforts are being made to find a satisfactory outcome.   |            |
| <b>16.</b>     | <b>EARLS CROSS WOOD &amp; AMBASSADOR HOUSE</b><br>Covered under Item 6(c) above.   |            |
| <b>17.</b>     | <b>LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY</b><br>GD referred to the recently issued HITRANS Case for Change Report <a href="#">here</a> . She explained that this was a public consultation document looking to increase uptake of public transport, walking and cycling, so the emphasis will be very much on larger settlements and thus be weighted towards Inverness. DM bemoaned that planning for walk and cycle paths was not integrated. JB raised the issue of an unused £100K of CCF money put towards a Sutherland Transport Plan. JMc explained that this was an initiative to map all transport provision across Sutherland and try to come up with a joined-up platform of provision to meet the needs of as many county residents as possible.<br>CC Members invited GD to make a submission on behalf of DACC to the Case for Change Consultation. | <b>GD</b>  |
| <b>(extra)</b> | <b>BID UPDATE</b><br>GD explained that the consultation process was nearly complete with nearly 200 businesses involved. The next step is the production of the business case and only businesses with a Rateable Value can vote, with the vote scheduled for October. She acknowledged the work of the Ward Manager in pulling together a comprehensive list of the services provided by Highland Council and suggested that Dornoch community groups also provide such a catalogue.  |            |

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|   | DM observed that there was some disconnect with the public and that more publicity is needed. GD replied that an action for the BID would be to pull all community websites together.   |               |
| <b>18.</b>  | <b>AGM PREPARATION</b><br>The need for some preparation was acknowledged but the item was deferred for the present.   |               |
| <b>19.</b>  | <b>POLICE REPORT</b><br>(available on One-Drive)<br>This was noted without further comment.   |               |
| <b>20.</b>  | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>   |               |
|   | Relevant correspondence can be found <a href="#">here</a> .   |               |
|   | PM referred to a proposal from Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust to establish funding for an apprentice initiative in the area if 50% funding from Common Good or Beinn Tharsuinn be identified. PM undertook to ascertain what might be possible to support this very deserving initiative.   | <b>PM</b>     |
| <b>21.</b>  | <b>AOCB</b>   |               |
| <b>a.</b>   | MG raised the issue of safety at the School Crossing with a tree branch at Westfield obstructing a sign. JMc to follow up with Roads Squad.   | <b>JMc</b>    |
| <b>b.</b>   | After discussion about the state of some of the paths in the Burgh, MG and FG to undertake a survey to identify key issues with a view to a team of volunteers doing the necessary tidy-up work.  | <b>MG, FG</b> |
| <b>22.</b>  | <b>COMMUNITY AWARD (IN CAMERA)</b><br>The chair's proposal under this item was unanimously accepted by those present.   |               |
| <b>23.</b>  | <b>SUCCESSION ISSUES (IN CAMERA)</b><br>LS, GD and JB were not present for this item. It was agreed that some advertising be done in advance of the CC election later in the year to attract potential future DACC members to come forward. DM suggested suitable posters in local shops, and also a Facebook campaign. This was agreed but there was no firm commitment as to when to start. |               |
| <b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 20:50</b>   |   |               |
| <b>WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE CHAIR EXTENDED HIS 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 – 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023</b>   |   |               |
| <b>LOCATION: HYBRID: ZOOM &amp; THE DORNOCH HUB</b>   |   |               |

## APPENDIX

The Motion and Amendment for Item 6(a) are detailed on the following pages:

## **Proposal for DACC May 2023 meeting - Agenda Item 6 (a)**

### **Introduction**

Dornoch Area Community Council (DACC) thanks Communities 4 Coul and Not Coul for their presentations at the recent information gathering meeting to discuss the planning application 23/00580/FUL for the '*Construction of an 18-hole golf course, practice area, access, parking, ancillary infrastructure and the change of use of existing buildings to form clubhouse, pro shop, maintenance shed and ancillary facilities*'.

DACC notes:

- the informative contents of these presentations,
- the changes to the submitted plans as compared to the previous application (17/04601/FUL),
- the large numbers of public comments to the planning application already submitted to the Highland Council ePlanning site <sup>(1)</sup>,
- the passionate views held and voiced by the opposing parties,
- the alarming population statistics for Sutherland as published by NHS Highland <sup>(2)</sup>
- that DACC is not required nor competent to assess all the technical aspects of a complex planning application.
- That DACC exists solely to represent the views of its constituents (the Dornoch area community) to the Highland Council and others.

### **Summary**

DACC concludes that the available evidence consistently shows that more than two-thirds of people resident in the DACC constituency support this application and the opportunities it will bring to the area. This is evidenced by the results of the survey conducted by Civica on behalf of the applicants (67% in favour), the number of supportive responses on ePlanning <sup>(1)</sup> identified as coming from IV25 residents (as counted by both the applicant (78% in favour) and by a DACC member using different methodology (73% in favour)), and from the first-hand experience of members talking to their constituents.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the above, DACC hereby lends its **support** to the planning application and calls on the various statutory consultees to work with all parties to find a way of ensuring this project can be delivered successfully for the benefit of not only the residents of Embo & Dornoch but also those living in the 'travel to work area' in East & Central Sutherland, whilst adequately safeguarding the natural environment.

**Jerry Bishop**

10 May 2023

(1) Total public comments standing at 984 at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

(2) [Sutherland: Partnership Profile - Public Health Intelligence \(November 2022\)](#)

## **Proposal for DACC May 2023 meeting - Agenda Item 6 (a)**

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### **DACC notes:**

- The informative contents of these presentations
- The respectful and diligent approach by all parties to explain complex information, data led arguments and scientific studies.
- The intricate and lengthy planning application.
- The requirement for multiple agencies to comment or be consulted
- The incredibly difficult job the Planning Committee faces to assess the enormous amount of information, data and opinion gathered to make a fact-based decision
- The large numbers of public comments already submitted to the planning application, including many residents of IV25 and the wider local travel to work area as identified by the applicant

### **Summary**

DACC concludes that it is not required to assess the economic, scientific or other related data to determine or opine on the veracity of the application.

By providing a platform and space for interested parties to express their views and by encouraging letters of comment, support or objection to be submitted it has enabled a free and open debate and the views of constituents to be heard.

DACC also acknowledges these views are wide ranging and strongly felt by many, that residents may choose or have chosen other routes to express their support, otherwise or to stay silent.

Finally, that ultimately as this decision will be made by The Highland Council or Scottish Ministers there is no value in DACC trying to subjectively assess a definitive assessment of public opinion.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the above, DACC has **no comment** to make regarding the planning application at this stage but reserves the right to assess any changes to this or similar applications or any future conditions to be recommended or imposed should this application be approved.

**Genevieve Duhigg**

17 May 2023

Re: Allsorts Dornoch After-school Club

Following prolonged engagement with Highland Council, Allsorts is now in a position to approach the community council to request interim financial support from the common good fund to get the club through to the end of the financial year -March 2024.

Highland Council will not take on after-school provision from August, as was initially hoped, due to interventions by the Care Inspectorate.

However, we have a number of options to explore to secure the ongoing provision of after-school care in Dornoch and are happy to discuss those with the community council. All of these options need some time , and will also be dependent on the decisions of officials and elected representatives at Highland Council and Holyrood. However, we remain hopeful that a longer term solution is in sight.

The interim funding package we require would be between £6000-10000, depending on decisions made on lettings fees next month.

I'm happy to come along to next month's meeting or talk informally with members to discuss how to proceed and take advice on what the community council can do to support us, if they feel they can do so.

Let me know what I need to do next.

Kim

Kim Tewnion  
Chair  
Dornoch Allsorts



# DACC Planning List - June 2023

| Ref No. (LINKS)              | Description   | Public | Comments  | Recommendation |
|------------------------------|---|--------|---|----------------|
| <a href="#">23/02302/FUL</a> | Enlargement of existing ventilation opening   Dornoch Hotel                             | 0      | No comment  |                |
| <a href="#">23/02599/FUL</a> | Change of use of Multi Use Games Area to include community use   Dornoch Academy        | 0      | Support?  |                |
| <a href="#">23/02686/FUL</a> | Erection of house, air source heat pump & PV panels.   Land 60M NE of 10 Morrison Court | 0      | No comment - <i>maybe Support as on DADCA land?</i> |                |

## LINKS

[Town Centre Strategy](#)

[Conservation Area](#)

Dear Community Council,

### **Dornoch Academy and Golspie High School French Exchange Project**

Dornoch Academy and Golspie High School are among very few schools in Highland to offer their S2 and S3 pupils the opportunity to go to France and live with a family as part of a traditional exchange programme. Our pupils exchange with children of the same age who attend the Collège Rémy Fæsch, in Thann, in the Alsace region.

Earlier this month, families and teachers of Dornoch Academy and Golspie HS pupils opened their homes to 38 French students and their staff, showing them warm Highland hospitality, as the group enjoyed a variety of educational, cultural, sporting and fun visits, gaining a very positive image of our region. For some young people, who have never been away from home independent of their families - let alone in a foreign country - speaking a foreign language and living with virtual strangers is a major undertaking and a hugely formative and rewarding experience.

In October, our pupils will pay a return visit to France, staying with their French exchange partners, where an educationally entertaining programme will give them a varied insight into Alsace, its culture, history and everyday life. They will visit our partner school, local monuments, a WWI cemetery and trenches, a vineyard, chocolate factory, and sites of local industry. Pupils will also have a guided tour of either the European Parliament or the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and visit this beautiful city and its magnificent cathedral.

With the cost of living spiralling, and with the financial implications of non-EU member status, we are anxious not to allow the cost of the trip to be an obstacle to parents who wish their children to take part. We therefore endeavour to keep the cost to families as affordable as possible. Hosting families also had to provide their French guest(s) with food for 10 days, and entertainment in the evenings and over one weekend as well as providing transport on numerous occasions. The pupils' contributions do not cover the total cost of such a trip. It is, therefore, humbly requested that a sum of £50 per participating pupil be contributed towards our trip on the part of the Dornoch Area Community Council (total £650) to allow for the following pupils and families in your community to take part in the exchange (names redacted):

#### **How our proposal will benefit the number of people identified:**

Taking part in a school exchange offers youngsters numerous benefits. It gives them the opportunity to practise the language they study at school in a real context. Staying with French families gives them first-hand experience of the French way of life and it creates bonds that in some instances are still there years after the children took part in the exchange. The various visits undertaken open their minds to a different culture and the wider world. For some pupils, taking part in the exchange is the first time they go away from home without their parents and this helps them develop self-confidence and independence.

Thank you very much for considering our proposal, and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Yours sincerely,

Danny Parkin and Fiona Welsh

Danny Parkin

Dept of Modern Languages, Dornoch Academy

## DACC ASSET MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS - PHASE 7

| Project                        | Q | Description                        | Unit | Total                              | Supplier          |            |           |
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| 7.1                            |   | Town Centre benches                | 15   | Re-painting                        | £ 56.00           | £ 840.00   | K. Martin |
| 7.2                            |   | Welcome to Dornoch sign - Academy  | 1    | Re-galvanising and re-painting     | £ 355.00          | £ 355.00   | K. Martin |
| 7.3                            |   | Welcome to Dornoch sign - Poles Rd | 1    | Re-painting                        | £ 180.00          | £ 180.00   | K. Martin |
| 7.4                            |   | Cathedral Green Fountain           | 1    | Re-galvanising inside & repainting | £ 1,530.00        | £ 1,530.00 | K. Martin |
| <b>TOTAL COST (4 projects)</b> |   |                                    |      |                                    | <b>£ 2,905.00</b> |            |           |

**From:** Kenny Martin <kmdmdornoch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 19 April 2023 15:31  
**To:** Jerry Bishop <jerry.bishop@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** Painting various.

Hi Jerry.  
 I have enclosed some prices for works in town.  
 Mr mellvile (jimmy) spoke to me today regarding the painting of bench seats in the town.10 seats in total.  
 All to be prepared then stained or painted as required.  
 Cost .£560.00.  
 The dornoch sign at the school is in a very poor state and is in need of re galvanising as it is been attacked by electrolysis and throwing the paint of.  
 Cost £355.00  
 The dornoch sign on poles Road is in better condition but in need of attention before it gets into the same condition as the other one.  
 Cost £180.00.  
 The fountain is in need of some galvanising work on the internal dome and repainting completely.  
 Cost if galvanised inside.  
 £1530.00  
 Cost no galvanising.  
 £1450.00.  
 I hope this information will be of some help to your committee.  
 If you need to know anything further give me a call anytime.  
 Regards Kenny.

**Painting.**  
 Kenny Martin  
 Wed 19/04/2023 17:12  
 To: Jerry Bishop <jerry.bishop@outlook.com>  
 Hi Jerry.  
 On going round the town I have found a further 5 seats that need treatment in particular the ones in the square they are a mess.  
 Additional cost of treating will be .  
 £280.00.  
 Kenny.

**RESOLUTION #23-    :**

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A CO-OPERATIVE LIAISON OF MUTUAL BENEVOLENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA, USA AND DORNOCH, SCOTLAND.**

**THAT WHEREAS,** on November 23, 1872, Donald James Ross was born in the Town of Dornoch, Scotland; and in 1893 was named the Head Professional, Club Maker, and Keeper of the Green by the Royal Dornoch Golf Club; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1899 Mr. Ross emigrated to the United States and in 1900 was hired by the Tufts family to become the Head Golf Professional and golf architect in Pinehurst, North Carolina where he would become a world-renowned golf course architect until his death in 1948; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pinehurst Village Council desires to create a formal co-operative relationship with the Town of Dornoch to honor the work and legacy of Donald Ross; and

**WHEREAS,** the relationship will benefit both communities by providing awareness and tourism opportunities surrounding the sport of golf, the history of golf course architecture and the work of Donald Ross;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in regular meeting assembled this X<sup>th</sup> day of X 2023, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Village will enter into a Co-Operative Liaison of Mutual Benevolence Agreement with the Town of Dornoch, Scotland, the theme of which will be “Donald Ross: Birthplace to Workplace.”

**SECTION 2.** There will be an annual exchange of letters on the respective founding dates. The founding date for Pinehurst will be July 9, 1895—the date that James Walker Tufts acquired 658 acres from Lewis A. Page. The founding date for Dornoch, Scotland will be July 14, 1628, the date on which Dornoch was granted a Royal Charter. The content of the letters will be related to golf activity in the respective towns, the life and work of Donald Ross and the promotion of amateur golf for all ages.

**SECTION 3.** Because environmental awareness and sustainable golf tourism are areas of mutual interest, the Town of Dornoch and the Village of Pinehurst will work with the USGA, The R&A, the Royal Dornoch Golf Club, the Pinehurst Country Club, the Donald Ross Society, and The Tin Whistles to further pursue these interests.

**THIS RESOLUTION** passed and adopted this X<sup>th</sup> day of X, 2023.

VILLAGE OF PINEHURST

VILLAGE COUNCIL

(Municipal Seal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Strickland, Mayor

DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paddy Murray, Provost

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Newman, Village Attorney

**From:** Phil Tomalin (Community Support & Ward Management) <[Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk)>  
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**Cc:** Jerry Bishop <[jerry.bishop@outlook.com](mailto:jerry.bishop@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Memorial bench

Hi Paddy/ Stevie

Main requirement is landowner permission and agreement over installation and, in time, repair / removal costs. There is no requirement for Community Council agreement, but their support is always welcome. If the bench is going to be at the beach then it is most likely to be on Council /Common Good land so please contact Evan Sinclair, Amenities Officer (cc-ed). If it is on the golf course please contact RDGC office and they will advise.

Hope this helps

Thanks

Phil

**From:** [murrayballoan@gmail.com](mailto:murrayballoan@gmail.com) <[murrayballoan@gmail.com](mailto:murrayballoan@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 24 May 2023 18:12  
**To:** 'Minutes Secretary' <[dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk)>; Phil Tomalin (Community Support & Ward Management) <[Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Phil.Tomalin@highland.gov.uk)>; James McGillivray (Councillor) <[Jim.McGillivray.cllr@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Jim.McGillivray.cllr@highland.gov.uk)>; [steviecrawford79@hotmail.com](mailto:steviecrawford79@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** Jerry Bishop <[jerry.bishop@outlook.com](mailto:jerry.bishop@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Memorial bench

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Dear Stevie: sounds a lovely idea. Let me see whether/how we can progress.

Dear Phil, Jim:~ Do you know what procedures if any there are to authorise this assuming DACC in favour?

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PAddy

**From:** Minutes Secretary <[dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2023 10:56 AM

**To:** Paddy Murray <[murrayballoan@gmail.com](mailto:murrayballoan@gmail.com)>; Jerry Bishop <[jerry.bishop@outlook.com](mailto:jerry.bishop@outlook.com)>

**Subject:** Fw: Memorial bench

Minutes Secretary - Dornoch Area Community Council

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**From:** Stevie Crawford <[steviecrawford79@hotmail.com](mailto:steviecrawford79@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** 21 May 2023 21:43

**To:** [dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk)  
<[dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dornochareacommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk)>

**Subject:** Memorial bench

Good evening,

I am seeking information on who I should contact to enquire about the possibility of having a memorial bench with plaque placed near Dornoch beach and if this is something that would be possible. Dornoch was a very special place to my late grandparents, who owned Barrsfair on Argyle street for many years and spent many happy times at Dornoch beach. It would be lovely for the family to have a bench down by the beach where we can visit on our visits to Dornoch throughout the year. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Stevie Crawford

**Dornoch Area Community Council**  
**Financial Report**  
**1 April 2023 - 14 June 2023**

| <b>Dornoch Community Funds</b> | <b>DACC Account</b><br><i>(Note 1)</i> | <b>Common Good</b><br><i>(Notes 2-4)</i> | <b>Beinn Tharsuinn</b><br><i>(Note 5)</i> | <b>Totals</b>   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>         | <b>£4,278</b>                          | <b>£261,710</b>                          | <b>£6,980</b>                             |                 |
| Add: Income                    | £0                                     | £79,300                                  |   |                 |
| Less: Outgoings                | <b>-£929</b>                           | <b>-£128,639</b>                         | <b>-£400</b>                              |                 |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>         | <b>£3,349</b>                          | <b>£212,371</b>                          | <b>£6,580</b>                             | <b>£222,300</b> |

Note 1:

|                              |               |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>CC - unreserved funds</i> | <b>£3,028</b> | <i>(Treasure Walk brochure)</i> |
| <i>CC - reserved Funds</i>   | £321          |                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>£3,349</b> |                                 |

Note 2: *Managed by Highland Council on behalf of the Residents of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch.*

Note 3: *Balance is DACC Treasurer YE estimate based on latest information from Highland Council (February 2023)*

Note 4: *DACC's Dornoch Common Good Fund 3-year Cash Flow forecast can be seen [HERE](#)*

Note 5: *Held by Beinn Tharsuinn Trust on behalf of all IV25 residents subject to complying with the terms of the Trust.*



# Dornoch Area Community Council

## Cash Movements

1 April 2023 - 14 June 2023

|                        |                    |                         | Unrestricted     | Restricted     | Total            |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b> |                    |                         | <b>£3,604.23</b> | <b>£673.59</b> | <b>£4,277.82</b> |
| <b>Income</b>          |                    |                         |                  |                |                  |
|                        |                    |                         |                  |                |                  |
| <b>Outgoings</b>       |                    |                         |                  |                |                  |
| P1                     | HSBC               | Bank Charges            | -£5.00           |                |                  |
| P2                     | J. Bishop          | Maintenance 5 misc      | -£239.20         |                |                  |
| P3                     | Hostworld Internet | Domain name hosting     | -£28.80          |                |                  |
| P4                     | J. Bishop          | Miscellaneous           | -£13.28          |                |                  |
| P5                     | HSBC               | Bank Charges            | -£5.00           |                |                  |
| P6                     | J. Bishop          | Beach/Golf Road signage | -£106.58         |                |                  |
| P7                     | G. Duhigg          | Rose Bushes             | -£173.49         | -£352.60       |                  |
| P8                     | HSBC               | Bank Charges            | -£5.00           |                |                  |
| <b>Closing Balance</b> |                    |                         | <b>£3,027.88</b> | <b>£320.99</b> | <b>£3,348.87</b> |

# DACC Maintenance Projects Update - June 2023

## Phase 6

Funding for the following projects has been approved and payment is being processed for:

- **Dog Poo Bins** – now installed at the beach and are being emptied regularly by two new volunteers who walk their dog down there.
- **Keep Scotland Beautiful Beach Award** - now received (29<sup>th</sup> year) and new certificate and flag in place at the Beach Car Park.
- **Replacement rose bushes** – Now ordered via a different supplier saving £432 on the original price quoted (many thanks to Genevieve Duhigg). The rose bushes have arrived (in pots) and following advice from James Irving are awaiting planting when the current dry spell breaks.

**Payment for the above has not yet been received from the Common Good Fund. A reminder has been sent to Phil for payment of £862 to cover these items.**

## Phase 7

The total estimated cost of refurbishing and repainting the following assets from Kenny Martin is as follows:

Town centre benches – repaint 15 off @ £56 each = **£840**  
Academy 'Welcome to Dornoch' sign – regalvanise & repaint = **£355**  
Poles Rode 'Welcome to Dornoch' sign –repaint = **£180**  
Cathedral Green Fountain - regalvanise & repaint = **£1,530**  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST = £2,905**

**Members are asked to consider the above and vote on whether an application is submitted to the Common Good Fund for this work.**

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## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### Phase 1

All projects are now complete.

### Phase 2

**£321** held in DACC reserved funds to cover printing of a new Treasure Walk brochure.

### Phase 3

All projects are now complete.

### Phase 4

All projects are now complete.

### Xmas Lights

This project is now complete.

### Phase 5

All projects are now complete.

### Phase 6a

The new track inside the overflow carpark has been completed and payment is being handled by Highland Council, who can reclaim the VAT element.

**Dornoch Area Community Council****Outstanding requests to Highland Council (HC) and other authorities****As at 8<sup>th</sup>.May 2022****Action points in blue bold***Progress since last update in green italics*

| Date                | Details   | Next step                                  | Comment |
|---------------------|---|--|---------|
| August 2020         | NO THROUGH ROAD sign between 8 Church St and Kerrisdale   | Brian Fraser                               |         |
| March 2021          | PRONCYNAIN CEMETERY RESTRAINERS<br><i>Instead of restrainers, 4 Signs put up by DACC which appear to be working well at least until official Council signs put up</i>   | Shane Manning                              |         |
| March 2021          | PRONCYNAIN EXTENSION<br><i>Complete</i>   | JMc  |         |
| July 2022           | TEMPORARY HAULAGE ROAD: Poles Road to Springfield<br><i>Finally approved by HC but now costs have escalated so much that Springfield may no longer agree to do this</i> | PM to chase Stuart Morrison of Springfield |         |
| July 2022           | DORNOCH SQUARE TOILETS<br>Serious shortcomings in wall coverings  | PM to chase Angela Matheson                |         |
| Jan 2023            | Gilbert Street badly needs repairing  | Brian Fraser                               |         |
| Several months' old | Turning Circle, passing place and no parking sign for bottom of caravan site driveway   | KJMc                                       |         |

## Dornoch & District Community Council (DACC)

### Updates on matters outstanding from previous meetings as at 5/5/2023

#### **Action points in blue bold.**

*Progress since last update in green italics*

#### 1. **Proposal to address car and motorhome parking at Beach**

Highland Council's Shane Manning is working on a proposal which will be put to Community Consultation shortly.

PM to chase Shane Manning re:

- 'No campervan parking ahead' road-signs warning **before** the top car park  
Jerry is progressing this with Brian Fraser
- **Consultation for voluntary charging for bottom 2 car parks**

Still no progress

#### 2. **Springfield site**

PM discussing with Stuart Morrison (SM) the following:

- Possible new access at Poles Road. Springfield are in principle agreeable to this and will:
  - **Draft plan of possible access points and possible road configurations and**
  - **Seek regulatory approval ASAP**
  - SM have lodged application for planning permission. *HC finally approved but SM now delaying until next phase of project*

#### 3. **Clean up and repair Dornoch Burn**

*Davie Mac Beath has got a quotation.*

- **Overflow at Caravan site.**  
*Phil Tomalin is progressing with a survey to advise what should be done.*
- **Clean up stretch between Public toilets and Scottish Water.**  
*Davie MacBeath has received a quotation but this is on hold until survey results above are known.*
- **Clean up stretch between Old Station and Public toilets.**  
*Again on hold until survey results above are known*

### Items outside DACC's responsibility other than liaison with other Groups:

#### 4. **Meadows**

A subcommittee of the Meadows Trust is working on a plan to replace the existing buildings.

Still no progress.

### Ongoing items

#### 5. **Path by 2<sup>nd</sup>.Green at RDGC**

RDGC now acknowledge that the path is a right of way and have agreed to clear that part of the path which is on the land they lease from Dornoch Common Good. Matt Dent visited and RDGC agreed what is required adequately to maintain the path on the land they lease from Dornoch Common Good as:

1. Path towards Embo beside 2<sup>nd</sup> Green:
  - a. Cut path to a width of 1.5 metres so that it never dwindles to a width of below 1m.

- b. Ensure that path beside 2<sup>nd</sup> green is kept flat by a one-off grading scraping below the surface to remove roots etc. and then maintain the flatness thereby achieved on an ongoing basis.
  - c. Consider moving the path so maintained midway between the wall and the old 'right of way' path. However location is really up to RDGC to decide.
- 2. Path towards Embo from second Green to end of Common Good Land:
  - a. Cut path to a width of 1.5 metres so that it never dwindles to a width of below 1m.
  - b. Consider improving the path by levelling it however some Common Good contribution would appear appropriate to do this because the meaning of the word 'maintenance' is unclear.
- 3. Path towards Embo on RDGC's own land: no obligation to maintain. However public volunteers and/or the Common Good has a right to improve/maintain if it wishes to.

See emails of 1<sup>st</sup>.July and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjWEhKgkXCai3oE9O-dLH\\_K7z5J?e=VOSGi8](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjWEhKgkXCai3oE9O-dLH_K7z5J?e=VOSGi8)