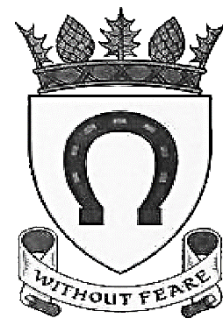


**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF  
DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC)  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2024  
IN PERSON AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING CHAMBER**



**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

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

<b>6.</b>	<b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	None	
<b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>FINANCE UPDATE</b> AH provided a summary report to be read out in his absence.	<b>AH</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>PROJECTS UPDATE</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	<b>DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS</b> No action arising from this item. DACC Members will take on board such initiatives as can be instigated as things progress.	
<b>(b)</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS</b> JMc updated DACC Members on Council activity in the area.	
<b>(c)</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</b> No action arising from this item, as per Item 8(a).	
<b>9.</b>	<b>ROADS &amp; PATHWAYS</b> 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.	<b>JMC</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>DORNOCH BURN</b> 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.	<b>JMC</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>TOWN TASKFORCE</b> Deferred in the absence of FG.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>PARKING IN DORNOCH</b>	<b>JMC</b>

	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.	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>DORNOCH PLACE PLAN</b></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"> <li>- Donald Ross statue in Square. WM informed the meeting that RDGC had plans for commemorations of both Donald Ross and John Sutherland in hand.</li> <li>- Relay pavements in Castle Street. This was seen as a positive suggestion. MH commented that it could improve drainage.</li> <li>- More housing. ADV pointed out drainage issues if Dornoch West was extended.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Cycle Trail. This was welcomed as a good suggestion.</li> <li>- Footbridge at Littleferry. This had positive implications for IV25 should it ever come about.</li> <li>- Tree planting around new developments. It was thought this should be a standard Planning requirement.</li> <li>- A Tree Nursery. Some positive comments but a matter for private initiative.</li> <li>- Coul Links Championship Golf Course. Clear economic advantages but a matter for Scottish Ministers.</li> <li>- No further development at The Meadows. No negative opinions.</li> </ul>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></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>	<b>LR, JMC</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	Relevant correspondence can be found <a href="#">here</a> . There were no actions arising.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	CF enquired about the Dornoch Caravan Park lease.	
<b>(b)</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.	
<b>(c)</b>	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.	
<b>(d)</b>	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 – 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED**