



# DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)  
held on virtually by conference call on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at 7.30pm

### MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

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Carol Mackay – Co-chair – CM  
Viki Mackenzie – Co-chair – VM  
Gareth Dixon – Treasurer - GD

Jim McGilvery – Councillor – JMc  
Kim Tewnion – Secretary – KT

Donald Goskirk – DG  
Jerry Horack – JH  
Shona MacDougall – SM  
Jimmy Melville – JM

Patrick Murray – APM  
Jaen Rowland – JR  
Peter Rowland – PR

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### PRESENT

Carol Mackay (Co-chair), Vicki Mackenzie (Co-chair), Jim McGilvery, Jerry Horack, Shona MacDougall, Jimmy Melville, Patrick Murray, Jaen Rowland & Kim Tewnion

### APOLOGIES

Gareth Dixon (Treasurer) & Donald Goskirk

### MINUTES

Lou Rollason

### VISITING

N/A

<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	The Chair's thank the members for attending. Apologies received from Gareth Dixon (Treasurer) & Donald Goskirk.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Social Club Land</b>	<b>APM &amp; CM</b>
	Still in the hands of the lawyer due to the corona virus. PM states that the lawyers state that there was no evidence that the Social Club belong to the land and CM states that she will follow up as they have documentation that states the Social Club includes the land discussed.	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Dispersal of Books from Book Fair</b>	
	Not discussed at this meeting.	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Flowers &amp; Fairs</b>	<b>VM</b>
	Still looking for someone to take this over. The situation is difficult now due to the lock down and the fact it would not constitute as 'necessary'. The hope is that when people come out of lockdown, they will be looking for something to do. It is stated that gardeners can work, even if it is non-essential if they adhere to the social distancing rules. VM stated she spoke to Barbara Morrison (chair of Flowers & Fairs) who was away, and she originally stated that they would only plant the flowers in containers on pavements due to having not having anyone to help water the hanging baskets. VM will reach out to Barbara again as it has stalled due to covid-19. CM states that she wants it made clear that the board are not encouraging them to go out to do the watering due to the risk factor involved.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>No One is left behind in a Digital Scotland</b>	
	Post corona lockdown venue usage – potentially using the Social Club as “ <i>somewhere that those who are most vulnerable across our communities will be provided with a device that enables them to connect with people in an emergency, other people in their community and family that may be further afield</i> ”  KT raises the issue of existing bookings being affected and that there would be difficulty getting them in amongst the bookings DADCA already have. Also, the Social Clubs Wi-Fi was required to have an upgrade and that has not been done, thus it may not be the best hub spot. The board agree that this is something needs to be done for the community, but as the UHI is also supporting the initiative, CM will speak to Allan at the UHI to see what they are doing and how DADCA can work with the community and not impact our own bookings at the Social Club.	
<b>V.</b>	<b>Youth Club</b>	
	Handwritten apology letter received from the Youth Club regarding the accidental breaking of the fire alarm which CM appreciated greatly.	

<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b>	
	Co-chair (CM) asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the Board meeting of 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020. There were no changes and approved as an accurate record of fact having been proposed by VM then approved by KT seconded by APM.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>POLICY AND RELATED MATTERS</b>	
	SM to speak to Sandy Fraser & get an update to the board.	SM
<b>5.</b>	<b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</b>	
	Hall Grant – KT to do.	KT
<b>6.</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
I.	Membership applications: N/A	
II.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
<b>7.</b>	<b>DIRECTORS VACANCIES</b>	
	N/A	
<b>8.</b>	<b>CURRENT BUILDING</b>	
	<p>CM states that the building is sound &amp; JH keeps checking on this. Need to investigate insurance cover for loss of bookings and the fact that the building has laid empty. APM to check the insurance policy.</p> <p>CM to reach out to Darren and check in with the situation regarding the building closure. JM states that there is an excellent opportunity for works to be done for those who are still working. However, landscaping on the outside of the building would be allowed by the government but works on the inside would not be permitted by the government advice. CM agrees that the work that can be done, should be done as it would help the local economy as well.</p> <p>APM states the importance of speaking to Darren asap.</p> <p>CM states that between herself, VM &amp; JH they will discuss works that needs to be done for when the tradespeople can work again. There will also be a deep clean done before the building re-opens.</p>	<p>APM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM, VM, JH</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>OUTCOME OF FIRE DRILL</b>	
	Fire drill was completed in August 2019 and will be done again in due course once the corona virus pandemic has settled.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
	<p>CM states that the accounts look healthy and APM agrees that there are no financial issues and that there hasn't been a dramatic change to the accounts in the last couple of years. The money that is available to be use is:</p> <p>DADCA itself: £14,000  Fibre Fest: £7,000  Gallery: £3,000  Outgoings (annually): £10,000</p> <p>CM states that we need to be mindful with the fact that we have the money and should be using it to help in the community. CM states that it is the boards duty is to help the community and that the money should be used to help. The board could donate money for scrubs for nurses and doctors, etc. CM states that there are opportunities for DADCA to</p>	

	<p>help and would like the board members to offer suggestions. CM states that the help from this community has been wonderful and that DADCA would like to help more.</p> <p>JM asks about a new community centre and states how it seems unlikely one will be purchased. CM states that she has never stated that there wasn't a want for a new community centre, however the money is not available anywhere. CM states that the board will support the projects in the town and the community to the best of the ability and the Social Club and DADCA will adhere to fill in the gaps for activities/venues that the community may be lacking in. The co-chair's state that there was a way in which DADCA (or Dornoch) could get a new community centre they would, but until there is the money should be spent to support the community.</p> <p>The John Gordon fund will either be used to maintain the current building or help fund a new building when the opportunity presents itself.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>CARBOOT SALES</b>	
	To be cancelled until further notice.	KT
<b>12.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY MARKET</b>	
	To be cancelled until further notice.	KT
<b>13.</b>	<b>BOOKINGS/EVENTS</b>	
	Cancellations of bookings – done.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>SUB COMMITTEES</b>	
	Invitation to the next Board meeting (May): None, as better to sort offline, however will invite if needed.	VM
<b>15.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p>CM: Wants to state that the resilience group, led by Charles Minall has been fantastic in setting up the food bank and the volunteers. CM wants to extend a special thanks to the members of the board, the groups under DADCA and all those within the communities who have been helping; it makes CM very proud &amp; very grateful to the community. CM also states that St Finnbarrs has come up with £500 for the food bank and CM wishes to reimburse them as a gift of thanks.</p> <p>JM: Nothing to report.</p> <p>APM: The food bank: Shona is running the foodbank (with her husband). The foodbank is looking for substantial amount of money are scouting grants for. On an ongoing basis, it is a possibility that Dornoch has a food bank for the next few years and APM wonders if it could come under the control of DADCA. DACIC is more commercial and DADCA is more based for the community.</p> <p>JR: Nothing to report</p> <p>SM: Nothing to report</p> <p>KT: The winners of the Dornoch 500 – below.</p> <p>JH: Nothing to report</p> <p>VM: Nothing to report</p>	CM
<b>16.</b>	<b>DORNOCH 500 CLUB</b>	
	<p>Tickets sales are doing fine. KT will work on this over the next couple of weeks whilst still in lockdown.</p> <p>The draw is: £250 – 324 – N/A</p>	

	<p>£100 – 110 – Alison Robertson  £50 – 306 – John Gunn  £25 – 348 – Caroline Cousins  £25 – 385 – N/A  £25 – 195 – N/A  £25 – 251 – N/A</p> <p>total winners.</p> <p>To be posted on Facebook.</p>	
<b>17.</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>	
	The chairs thank everyone for attending and the meeting is closed at 20:24	
<b>18.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2020: 7:30 PM – VIA CONFERENCE CALL</b>	