



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES 14th September 2020

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held via virtual video call on Monday, 14th September 2020, at 7.30pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

Carol Mackay – Co-chair – CM
Viki Mackenzie – Co-chair – VM

Gareth Dixon – Treasurer - GD
Kim Tewnion – Secretary – KT

Donald Goskirk – DG
Jerry Horack - JH
Shona MacDougal – SM
Peter Rowland – PR

Jimmy Melville – JM
Patrick Murray – APM
Jaen Rowland – JR

PRESENT

Carol Mackay (Co-chair), Vicki Mackenzie (Co-chair), Gareth Dixon (Treasurer), Donald Goskirk, Jim McGilvery, Shona MacDougall, Patrick Murray & Kim Tewnion

ABSENT

Jerry Horack, Jimmy Melville & Jaen Rowland

MINUTES

Lou Rollason

VISITING

N/A

1.	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
	The co-chair thanks the members for attending. Apologies received from Jerry Horack & Jaen Rowland	
2.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
I.	Social Club Land	
	The land currently cannot be proved to belong to the Social Club, so it cannot be given away. CM states this is very much on her agenda and has chased up the solicitor this very morning.	CM
	Going forward: Will progress in due course	
II.	Dornoch Recycling Centre	
	APM reiterates that they are working with Alan McKinney and that there are four hours in the whole week that the centre is open. SM states that the site is unlicensed, and this affects regulation which is something that may need to be discussed to expand upon the four hours – just to bear in mind going forward for the long term. APM asks if this can be something she can help with, SM stated that this belongs to the Highland Council and it is them who would need to licence it. CM states that although she supports the Highland Council and all other bodies involved for the centre, it is not a DADCA matter and will not be in the future.	
	Going forward: N/A	
III.	Social Club Reopening	
	CM states that the concern for the Social Club was to be able to open for vulnerable people as a priority (and those groups that required it within the community). As such, the social club will not be open to regular bookings before Phase 4 which is currently estimated as mid-September. APM asks if it would be available for schools to use as spill over space and CM confirms this would be the case and states the building should be ready for groups that require it. The policies would be written on a group by group basis, as opposed to writing policies for groups that are not allowed to operate yet. CM reiterates that DADCA have a duty to the community to be open for groups with children and vulnerable sectors.	CM
	Going forward: Discussed below	
IV.	Dornoch Recycling Centre & Food Bank	
	CM is unaware of what is happening with the Food Bank. CM states that this needs to be cleared up to find out if it comes under the umbrella of DADCA. SM points out that a Resilience Group AGM is coming up. APM states that his understanding is that the Food Bank does not fall under DADCA – hence the clarification required.	CM & APM
	Going forward: Clarification to be found.	
V.	Earls Cross Woodland	

	<p>The Dornoch Area Community Council have looked to purchase of Earls Cross Woodland from Sutherland Estates to allow for its own upkeep. CM states that although DADCA has taken on several projects, this is not one of them and reiterates that she does not appreciate DADCA being used as a scapegoat for projects that don't quite fit on other boards.</p> <p>Going forward: N/A</p>	
3.	MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	
	<p>Co-chair (CM) asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the last DADCA meeting. The minutes were approved as an accurate record of fact having been proposed by APM then seconded by VM.</p>	
4.	POLICY & RELATED MATTERS	
	<p>SM states that this may be the time for DADCA to outsource the policy and related matters to a professional body. CM states that the Board are perfectly competent in doing these, however it is the timings and upload speeds that are an issue. SM states that she requires an audit of the policies to be done before she is comfortable to do her newly appointed regulatory role (prior AGM meeting) as it is not just the writing but the knowing of the regulations and she believes there are gaps in the policies.</p> <p>CM agrees and they agree to meet offline to discuss this so they can both be comfortable going forward.</p> <p>Going forward: An offline meeting between CM, VM & SM regarding this.</p>	CM, VM & SM
5.	MATTERS ARISING	
I.	N/A	
6.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
	Hall Grant - KT to check to see if it can be done. Will be moved to January.	KT
7.	MEMBERSHIP	
I.	Membership applications: N/A	
II.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
8.	DIRECTORS VACANCIES	
	N/A	
9.	CURRENT BUILDING	
	<p>CM states that the building looks fantastic and is delighted that the building came up so nicely. There was a slight communication error with the quoted rates as it was construed differently. The agreement was circa £15,000 and included internal renovation in terms of repairs, floors, painting, varnishing of the main floor and the toilets.</p> <p>The miscommunication came when the quote one and quote two were merged with quote three and although it wasn't approved, Kenny did some of the works in quote three that involved the Struie Room to be re-attached to the building. APM kindly donated £500 for the cost of it & CM gives her thanks but asks that DADCA pay for this instead - approved by the board.</p> <p>CM has approved some repointing and crack works on two gable ends and whilst up there, the repainting facias and soffits and put in a holt.</p> <p>Anything above that, but also included in quote 3 or 4 has been capped at £20,000 and anything else will need to be approved.</p>	CM

	Going forward: No actions required.	
10.	OUTCOME OF FIRE DRILL	
	Not done yet.	
11.	FINANCE	
	Discussed at the AGM.	
12.	CARBOOT SALES	
	Is cancelled for now – unless things change dramatically.	
13.	COMMUNITY MARKET	
	Final community market was held on 9 th of September. A winter community market is looking at being planned in lieu of the St Andrew's Fair. CM reiterates that currently the board are tied by governmental rules and if they can go ahead, DADCA will support any that do go ahead if the rules allow it. KT states that this can be looked at again in the November meeting.	CM & KT
	Going forward: Discuss again in November	
14.	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
	Still shut for bookings due to the governmental advice.	
15.	SUB COMMITTEES	
16.	AOCB	
	<p>CM: Has had 2 people come to her saying that DADCA are doing great job with their communications.</p> <p>CM also wishes to put out an advert in the Northern Times regarding finding a replacement for Ernie of the Cinema Club. CM also wants to state how much of a fantastic job he has done over the years and how the whole Cinema Club is an asset to the town. The board all concurrently agree.</p> <p>Going forward: To publish article in NT when appropriate</p> <p>JMc: N/A</p> <p>JM: Not present.</p> <p>APM: N/A</p> <p>JR: Not present.</p> <p>KT: N/A</p> <p>DG: Asks for clarity with the social club reopening. CM states that the Social Club still falls under the criteria of not being able to open due to the new two household rules. DG would be interested in opening a Sunday Service in the Social Club after the October break. CM's concern is that if it is opened to one group, then others may try and follow suit. KT is in</p>	

	<p>favour to opening for any group that can whilst DADCA have the legal cover (aka, places of worship) but not yoga etc. KT reviews the regulations by the Scottish Government. CM agrees that this would be a great opportunity to start opening up the Social Club within the allowances of the governmental advice.</p> <p>Going forward: to continue as is until further governmental advice allows for anything more.</p> <p>JH: Not present.</p> <p>VM: N/A</p> <p>GD: N/A</p> <p>SM: N/A</p> <p>LR: N/A</p>	
17.	DORNOCH 500 CLUB	
	<p>The winning numbers are:</p> <p>The draw is: £250 — 113 £100 – 79 £50 – 47 £25 – 108 £25 – 175 £25 – 44 £25 – 11</p> <p>The winners are as follows: Alison Davies, Jodie Ross, Claire Reid, Betty Sutherland, Judi Sutherland & Claire Armstrong.</p> <p>APM asks if this is likely to happen again next year.</p> <p>Going forward: CM & KT will discuss this and revert back in the October meeting.</p>	CM & KT
18.	CLOSING	
	The chairs thank everyone for attending and the meeting is closed at 2:46	
19.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12TH OCTOBER, 2020: 7:30 PM – POTENTIALLY VIA CONFERENCE CALL	