



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES 13th January 2020

**Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held on Monday, 13th January 2020, at Balloan House, Poles Road, Dornoch at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Carol Mackay (Co-chair), Vicki Mackenzie (Co-chair), Jim McGilvery, Patrick Murray, ,
Jaen Rowland, Peter Rowland, Kim Tewnion, Lou Rollason,

APOLOGIES

Gareth Dixon (Treasurer), Donald Goskirk, Jerry Horack, Jimmy Melville, Shona
MacDougall.

VISITING

Joan Bishop (DACIC)

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| 1. | WELCOME & APOLOGIES | |
| | The chairs thank the members for attending this non scheduled meeting and states that there are only several points to discuss. Apologies received from: Gareth Dixon (Treasurer), Donald Goskirk, Jerry Horack, Jimmy Melville, Shona MacDougall. | |
| 2. | MATTERS ARISING | |
| 2.1 | Community Gardens/Glebe Field | |
| | Nothing to discuss this month | |
| 2.2 | Social Club Land | |
| | Progress has continued to progress quickly. The sale of the land is to be £15k which the Dobsons have agreed to. CM to continue with this. | CM |
| 2.3 | Trailer Status | |
| | Embo Trust now own the trailer and have given DADCA has received £1300. CM to bank to this. | CM |
| 2.4 | 500 Club status | |
| | Issues stemmed with the 500 due to the fact that KT was away from her desk. The way the system works is that Kim does the spreadsheet, sees who the winner is. The winner gets an e-mail within a week, as per the email. Please send bank details, KT then sends onto Lisa. Lisa sends onto Gareth. This will be simplified so that the e-mail is sent at the board meeting by Kim, and then CC'd to Lisa at the same time, so they then e-mail Lisa when they have the details and she can process the payment. The 500 Club details are to be shared with APM & LR in case KT to send through information to VM regarding the Press Release information about the Dornoch 500. Due to be put in the Northern Times for the 31 st of January. | KT & VM |
| 2.5 | Book Fair Status | |
| | JR's son would like to talk to CM about the books from the book fair. CM asked to be emailed regarding this as the books need to be removed from the Social Club since the Book Fair has been officially cancelled. | JR & CM |
| 2.6 | Flowers & Fairs | |
| | Flowers & Fairs are retiring after 24 years. They will not walk away; however, they need new committee members. The Board agrees that the group do so much work for the town, make it look so beautiful and we are so grateful for their immeasurable work. The Board agree that this should be publicised in the Northern Times, for the celebration of everything they have done. | KT & VM |

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| | <p>There would be very many people who would be interested in taking on a role within them and we need to publicise this as it would be a great opportunity.</p> <p>Surprise Press Release for them – KT & VM to do. Press Release to be done by this week. To then be sent to Jim McGillivray, RDGC, Membership (DADCA), Community Gardens & VG's.</p> | |
| 3. | MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING | |
| | Vice chair (CM) asked for any comments regarding the minute of the Board meeting of 19 th December 2019. There were no changes and approved as an accurate record of fact having been proposed by CM then approved & KT seconded by VM. | |
| 4. | POLICY AND RELATED MATTERS | |
| | Nothing to discuss this month | |
| 5. | FUNDING APPLICATIONS | |
| | Hall Grant. | KT |
| 6. | MEMBERSHIP | |
| | Membership applications: N/A | |
| 7. | DIRECTORS VACANCIES | |
| | N/A | |
| 8. | CURRENT BUILDING | |
| | Get a new light outside the kitchen to bring some light to the area (Jimmy Anderson). VM to a new lock. | VM |
| 9. | OUTCOME OF FIRE DRILL | |
| | Fire drill was completed in August and will be done again in due course. | |
| 10. | FINANCE | |
| | Accounts remain in a positive situation with few changes. GD will update at next meeting. | APM |
| | AMP states that Cambridge & Counties to get £25k from DADCA. | |
| 11. | HOGMANAY | |
| | <p>Joined by Joan Bishop (Hogmanay Street Party Committee) who, as well as APM had some comments regarding this year's event.</p> <p>The Dornoch Castle Hotel was very busy, with an estimated 4,000 people.</p> <p>Cocoa Mountain noted there was an additional cost for their licence, and they shut before the bells.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the fireworks seemed shorter this year, but this is intentional (by the supplier of the fireworks) due to the cold weather and the fact that many wished to continue the celebrations. It was noted by the Board members that attended that the shorter fireworks made them seem more intense. The board agree that they were great fireworks and a wonderful display.</p> <p>It was mentioned that Colin Thompson of the Dornoch Castle Hotel was inundated with people who wished to use the facilities and is there for looking to implement a £3/£2 ticket system which is redeemable against a drink at the bar for next year to help with capacity and atmosphere for those who do wish to use the bar. The board have no objection to this as they know it is his own venue.</p> <p>There is a total cost of the sound and production is £1,500. Lighting is £600 and sound is £600. However, there were issues with the sound which is something that should not have</p> | |

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| | <p>happened. There was also a misunderstanding regarding a generator and the committee 'got lucky' as someone was available to provide one.</p> <p>It would be worth it to have a sound engineer on the evening, just to work with any issues regarding any sound issues.</p> <p>A simple 15-minute break of a Spotify music list or a 'Join a Band' for young musicians to join the main band whilst they take a break.</p> <p>The breaks didn't feel as long – CM stated she stayed until the end of the band. Auld Lang Sign was singed about 12:15. One suggestion was straight after the bells; however, the Board believe that it would be better where it is as people aren't paying attention.</p> <p>Money Donation Tins: Suggestion to use throughout the year.</p> <p>Dornoch Distillery: Wish to do a special gin with profits of £1.50 per bottle to the Hogmanay Committee. Working with other businesses.</p> <p>Facebook: Someone suggested spotlight on the dancing, and someone couldn't hear the piper. The Board agrees that these things are fine as they are.</p> <p>Health & Safety: The wires behind the lorries need to be blocked off, with safety gating.</p> <p>Raffle: Decided to do it on the one day and not on a lead up. The Co-op took in £500 and the Spar had £125. The bulk of the people who come to the Spar are local and/or have bought tickets already, as opposed to the Co-op.</p> <p>With more buckets, would be able to get more people. Looking for volunteers for the next year, at certain points and not wandering.</p> <p>There was a fantastic turn out at 11:45pm.</p> <p>Another hamburger stall will be required – at least two. As they were too busy.</p> <p>This year's party was very tidy! Out of 3000 people, only one broken bottle was found.</p> <p>The clean-up crew stated that everyone was so much cleaner and the morning and indeed the evening were much cleaner.</p> <p>A small profit was made, and the balance is positive and will help as a buffer for going forward.</p> <p>All in all, a fantastic event and the board are incredibly appreciative of all the hard work that goes into the event and delighted it has been so successful.</p> | |
| 12. | COMMUNITY MARKET | |
| | Likely to be discussed at a later date when more information is available. | CM/VM |
| 13. | BOOKINGS/EVENTS | |
| | Nothing to discuss at this meeting. | LR |
| 14. | SUB COMMITTEES | |
| | Invitation to the next Board meeting (February): Sarah Wheeling (Community Market). | CM/VM |
| 15. | AOCB | |

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| | JMc: VM to take forms for the Ward Discretionary for the Embo Trust. £500/£600 | VM |
| 16. | CLOSING | |
| | The chairs thank everyone for attending and the meeting is closed at 20:46 | |
| | DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10TH FEBRUARY 2020: 7:30 PM – COURTHOUSE CAFÉ | |