

## DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 29<sup>TH</sup> September 2008

**Present:** Mike Fordyce (Part), Kenny Fraser, Graham Hewitt, Faye MacKenzie, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Janice Nixon, Angus Peterkin, Nina Shanks.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Biz Campbell. **Apologies:** Angus MacDonald

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as true and fair. (Proposer: Jan; Seconded: Fay)

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported a balance of £1330.19

**Recycling Point:** Shona updated members on developments regarding the complaint by the owners of 914 alleging nuisance caused by the Recycling Amenity. Solicitors acting for Mr & Mrs Cowdroy had written to Highland Council suggesting that the amenity be sited elsewhere. The CC wrote to HC rebutting a number of inaccuracies contained in their letter, especially that the CC had disregarded their complaint. Several locals had emailed the Secretary strongly supporting the present position of the amenity and arguing that it did not cause a nuisance.

HC replied to the Cowdroy's solicitor advising that the Council would ensure that the recycling bins would be emptied between 8am and 6pm only and that the contractor's records showed that this had been case most recently. The Council agreed that if Mr & Mrs Cowdroy wished then Environmental Health would monitor the noise level to see if a Statutory Nuisance existed at the site. Also see next item.

**Meeting with George Speed of TEC Services:** This was a most helpful meeting and among the issues discussed for action were grass cutting, the one-way-system, ditch clearing, and the state of the road to Conchra Salt Depot. He suggested that the recycling point could be landscaped and a 3-sided enclosure be built round the bins, thereby containing any spillage and preventing the wheelie bins from being blown over and depositing waste around the area.

**Bridge Lights, Traffic, and Trains:** Transport Scotland had been in touch and had indicated a strong commitment both on the part of themselves and Transerv to find a solution to the problem of the Bridge Lights. Financial constraints mean that it will be next year before any progress can be made, but Transerv have been asked to prepare proposals for upgrading the lighting and to bring these to the CC for discussion in November. Bob Mitchell of TS will attend this meeting along with a rep from Transerv. Any developments on this issue will be flagged on our [website](#).

A CC member had expressed concern that some drivers were creating a hazard for local people by inappropriate overtaking on the stretch of road from Ardelve to the Castle, while others were parking on the bridge to take photographs. It was agreed that further evidence would be gathered with a view to presenting this to Transport Scotland for possible solutions, such as double white-lining.

Another member asked if it would be possible to have bollards erected on the grassy area at the turn into Dornie to prevent parking of vehicles which severely impeded sight lines for drivers going down past the shop. The secy will write to HC.

The secy will also write to HiTrans re the lack of consultation over the revised train timetable.

**Bike Stands for Lochside:** pupils going to the High School have been encouraged to cycle to the bus pick-up point in Lochside where they leave their bikes on a grassy area. However, during the recent grass-cutting they had returned to find their bikes dumped unceremoniously on the ground. We will write to HC requesting that a hard area be formed and that bike stands be provided where the bikes can be left safely without interfering with grass-cutting.

**The CC's approach to Planning Applications:** Shona brought a paper for discussion outlining the Statutory role of CC's in the Planning process and proposing a protocol for dealing with them. Guidance on this was available from HC and can be found on our website. The CC would only consider applications which departed from the local plan or which involved a *substantial* development. It was agreed that we would adopt this proposal and review its operation after 6 months. Further details are on the website.

**Donations:** Sums were donated to Dornie Playgroup and Sallachy Bonfire Night.

**Website:** the website was now live and will provide a means of keeping members and locals up to date with the latest news, correspondence, consultations, planning matters, minutes, agendas and all on-going issues. Any member of the local community can contribute an article for inclusion on the website. Anything which will help to keep locals informed of community activities, as well as more general articles of interest to visitors is welcome.

**Correspondence:** several items were mentioned including the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the HC's Quality Award and the report of the Lochalsh Housing Association.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday, November 24th at 7.30 in Dornie Hall

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