

DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 26th January 2009

Present: Mike Fordyce, Graham Hewitt, Faye MacKenzie, Angus MacDonald, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Janice Nixon, Angus Peterkin, Nina Shanks.

In Attendance: Cllr Biz Campbell, Cllr Audrey Sinclair, Martin & Jackie Gentle.

Apologies: Kenny Fraser

Shona welcomed Cllr Audrey Sinclair and Mr and Mrs M Gentle to their first meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne reported funds available of £816.14

Bridge Lights: Phase 1 of the works i.e. the removal of all lights on the bridge, the reinstatement of the lighting column at the junction and low level lighting at the bus stop had been completed by the middle of January. We are still awaiting further proposals on the upgrade. Bob Mitchell phoned the secretary to apologise that these had not been forthcoming and said it was his intention that the options would be available for our March meeting.

Roads etc: The verge markers have now been installed at the grassy area where the road turns in to Dornie just before the shop. TECs will survey the road to Conchra Salt Depot where the verges and surface are being damaged. The poop bin at Ardelve shore, by the thatched cottage, has been relocated to a post and at a more suitable height. Damage to the road at Lagg has been reported and we are awaiting developments.

Recycling Point: Shona reported on the meeting with the previous complainants and indicated that an alternative site was being investigated by Highland Council.

Underpass: Fay had been in contact with Community Service to get the underpass painted and this will be done when better weather permits.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from a resident of Lochside regarding dog fouling, despite bins being available for dog owners to clear up after them. The secretary wrote to the HC who have attempted to deal with the problem. The CC can only encourage dog owners to act responsibly by not allowing their dogs to roam and to clear up any mess they leave. It is an offence for a dog owner not to clear up after their dog and members of the public may wish to report instances to the police or the Highland Council. Cllr Campbell offered to contact the council's dog warden.

Wester Ross Alliance & LEADER Funding: Shona spoke about developments with the WRA, which now included Lochalsh, and the availability of LEADER funding for community led projects targeted at certain groups. CC members were asked to consider what kind of priorities and projects might be appropriate for our area, and it was intended to discuss this further at future meetings with the intention for putting forward a proposal. Some possibilities mentioned were the development of the children's play area; a senior citizens' play area; activities for the elderly; and making more use of the marine environment.

NHS: Cllr Audrey Sinclair spoke about a meeting arranged for Wednesday 28th January with Kate Earnshaw and representatives from local CC's to discuss the future of health care in Skye & Lochalsh, especially in relation to the 2 hospitals on Skye.

AOCB: Ardelve Road. Mr Gentle spoke of his concern regarding traffic problems in the vicinity of his property, Sleepy Hollow. The road is very narrow at that point and his house is very close to the carriageway, so that when a large gritting lorry meets a vehicle coming in the opposite direction there is little room for them to pass. He has already had one window broken by a stone being thrown up and is concerned that further more serious damage may be done to his property.

It was agreed that the secretary would take this up with George Speed to see if some warning signage could be erected or a passing place created.

Christmas Lights: A member suggested that decorative lights could enhance the appearance of Dornie during the festive period. If anyone has views on this please get in touch.

Dornie in Bloom? Are there any local residents who would be prepared to become involved helping Dornie & District to bloom with flowers? Many other communities prepare and maintain flower baskets, displays of flowering shrubs etc. Biz offered to ask Carolyn Wilson, who was the instigator of Alness in Bloom, to come along to speak if folk were interested. It would involve quite a bit of work and commitment but if anyone is interested please contact the secretary or any member of the Community Council.

Date of next meeting (AGM): Monday 30th, March at 7.30 in Dornie Hall

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