

## DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Present:** Mike Fordyce, Kenny Fraser, Graham Hewitt, Angus MacDonald, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Angus Peterkin

**Apologies:** Nina Shanks

**In Attendance:** Stuart Bruce, Robbie Milne

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as true and fair.

**Treasurer's Report:** Suzanne reported a balance of £827.81.

**Matters Arising - Lighting at Carr Brae Development:** Shona welcomed Stuart Bruce and Robbie Milne of the Highland Council Lighting Department and explained the community's concerns about the level and quantity of lighting at the new development. Stuart explained that the lighting design had to take account of many factors, including the nature of the development, any special needs of the occupants, such as the elderly or children walking to get the school bus and it had to adhere to "best practice" guidelines, although these were not mandatory. He said that the lighting installed was the most efficient available and that it was highly directional in order to avoid light pollution. Robbie had arranged for the lighting to be switched off where there site was undeveloped. Stuart said that there were new lighting units of a lower wattage in the pipeline and that these would be fitted as soon as possible. Shona asked what further steps we could take and he suggested we take the matter to members of the Council.

Shona thanked Stuart and Robbie for coming to the meeting and said their input was much appreciated.

- **Housing in Rural Areas:** Shona had corresponded with the Scottish Government and the local Housing Association about the difficulties facing local people, especially young adults, in getting housing. A possible solution is the Local Letting Plan, where if it can be demonstrated that there is a need for a particular group then this can form a priority area in the lettings policy. Shona is going to meet with Lachie MacDonald, Chief Executive of the Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association, to progress this idea.

(The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust is holding a conference on housing in rural areas on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June. [www.hscht.co.uk](http://www.hscht.co.uk))

- **Wooden Bench:** Thanks to the efforts of Chris Nixon of the Forestry Commission we have a replacement bench at the west end of the bridge. He and his team even moved it from one side of the road to the other. Well done!

**New Constitution:** The CC adopted the new constitution published by HC.

**Road Repairs:** Repairs had taken place at Lagg and the rest of the road would be repaired as priorities allowed.

**Correspondence:** There were communications from NHS/Highland Council on the Community Care Plan and Northern Constabulary/Highland Council on their Anti Social Behaviour Strategy.

Sky and Lochalsh Archive Centre are interested in CC records which may have archival value, including correspondence, minutes and agendas etc. The Centre would provide storage and cataloguing while the records would remain the property of the CC. Members agreed to take part in this exercise.

**AOCB:** The CC agreed to follow up the issue of backup at the all-electric day care centre at Carr Brae.

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