

DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 25th July 2011

Present: Graham Hewitt, Angus MacDonald, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Angus Peterkin

Apologies: Nina Shanks, Kenny Fraser

In Attendance: Cllr Biz Campbell, Flora Johnstone, Cathy O’Kane, Dave Nelson, Jonathan MacSween

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as true and fair. Prop: Suzanne, Sec: Angus Peterkin

Treasurer’s Report: Suzanne reported an available balance of £797.81 and that the accounts were in the process of being audited.

Matters Arising - Lighting Following the last meeting Shona noticed that a lighting trial was being held in Lochaber, including the switching off of every second light. The Secretary wrote to the lighting manager asking that we be included in any Highland wide trial. We are awaiting developments.

- **Aitemore Road – Meeting with Liz Featherstone** Four members met with Liz Featherstone, Assistant Area Community Care Manager, on Tuesday 28th June. Liz addressed the CC's concerns about back-up at the “all electric” development by explaining the various layers of emergency planning which were in place: vulnerable adults list, including those with special needs; list of emergency contacts, including family members; anticipatory plans drawn up by district nurses; and various alarm sensors in the properties. In the event of a prolonged power cut emergency generators would be provided.
- There was also some discussion of Self-directed Support which “is the support individuals and families have after making an informed choice on how their *Individual Budget* is used to meet the outcomes they have agreed. SDS means giving people choice and control.” While the general principal may be welcomed some members were concerned that it could become the default offering.
- The members were reasonably reassured about the backup provision and would like to thank Liz for meeting with us.
- **Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre** CC documents have been deposited with the centre and all future Agendas and Minutes will be added to the Archive.

HC’s Scheme for CC’s. The HC has published its scheme for the establishment of CC’s. The main changes are in the way CC’s are funded and a new constitution and elections. The funding changes will reduce our grant by £94, but will still leave us with a budget of £1000 to spend for the benefit of the community.

A new CC will come into being in November after elections, if required. All Community Councillors will stand down, but will be available for re-election. Nomination forms will be available from mid-September and the election will be run by HC.

Some councillors will be retiring so we are looking for new members. Anyone over the age of 16 and on the electoral register can become a community councillor.

Aird Ferry House: Shona welcomed Flora, Cathy and Dave of the Care and Social Work team to the meeting. They gave an outline of the work and facilities at Aird Ferry House and explained how it could offer the community an exciting and modern venue for many groups connected with health and social welfare and that any group interested in using the facilities should get in contact. The team were interested in learning what needs the community have and how Aird Ferry House could help meet these. They issued an invitation to the community to say what they would like to see happening and to come and have a look at what is going on.

Shona thanked the team for coming and giving us an insight to their work and the facilities of the centre, which many of us had not been aware of in such detail.

AOCB: Angus Peterkin was concerned that with the withdrawal of community skips residents had to travel to Portree to access an area Recycling Centre and suggested the council should consider setting up a centre on the mainland. Biz agreed to take this up.

Jonathon also reminded us that there used to be a bench at the Point at Ardelve and suggested it would be good idea to install a new one, as it is close by the core path and is a popular walk. If anyone is interested in helping please get in touch.

The CC would like to congratulate members of Dornie in Bloom who have done such a good job in planting up at the entrance to the village and the areas around the Clachan, Dornie Hotel and elsewhere and have made Dornie a much more colourful place.

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Website: The Dornie CC website carries news of meetings, issues, consultations etc as well as the minutes of CC meetings. Log on to <http://www.dornie.org.uk/> for all the latest news.

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