

Draft Minutes

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Held Monday 24th August 2015

Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs

1. **Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), John Hedger (Treasurer), Lorien Cameron-Ross (Secretary), Duncan Manson, Angus MacLaren, Steve Feltham, Gavin Findlay, Const. William Jones PC104 and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Margaret Davidson

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Addition to previous minutes: The Community Council would like to thank Cllr Norrie Donald and Cllr Fraser Parr to their support in the matter regarding the road closures at Torbreck.

Proposed: DM **Seconded:** GF

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1: Freeview: JH has sent letter regarding the matter of poor Freeview reception in the village, awaiting response. Letter has been forwarded to Drew Hendry MP who supports the matter. Have received response from BBC this has been posted on the website. (www.doresonlochness.co.uk). Matter is still ongoing.

3.2: Church P sign: Awaiting update from Cllr Davidson.

3.3: Etape donation for outdoor classroom: Have received donation of £500 and have thanked them.

3.4: Fish Farm planning permissions: Have re-sent details Cllr Davidson.

3.5: Fish Farm visit: AM and GF had a very interesting visit to the fish farm. **Action:** LCR to put the school in touch with them to arrange a visit.

3.6: EM has replied to Mr Macaulay re. Land for glamping.

3.7: Speak to council re. **Kerb and grass cutting** on cycle path: Awaiting update from Cllr Davidson.

3.8: R J Macleod donation: Charity Number is required for donation. **Action:** AM to suggest South Loch Ness Access Group.

3.9: Litter Sweep: EM has responded suggesting road sides and lay-bys from Dores village. No response as yet.

3.10: Beach motor boat signs: SF provides update Adam Da Silva, awaiting response from sign companies.

3.11: Midtown lay-by: Area to be checked. Items are being utilised.

3.12: Football Nets: GF has ordered nets and relevant equipment. Will be arriving soon.

4. **Police Report:** Const. William Jones PC104 gives report. PC Euan Murray has now taken up the post at Fort Augustus. Allow asks for members of the public to be aware of incidents occurring at ATM machines and any suspicions to contact the police and there bank and to cover the PIN pad when entering their PIN.

5. **Issues raised by residents.**

Speeding: Residents are still observing speeding through the village. This has been noted.

Road safety: Parking reported close to the junction at the entrance to the Dores Inn causing limited visibility for road users and pedestrians. **Action:** EM to speak to Cllr Davidson.

6. **Local Events:**

5.1 Groove- Saturday 22nd August 2015: Event went well, limited disruption to road reported and some noise issues. Awaiting debrief from organisers and details for event next year.

5.2 Loch Ness Bike Ride- Saturday 15th August 2015: Event was cancelled.

5.3 The Beast- Saturday 5th September 2015: There has been a leaflet delivered and this has also been posted on the website.

5.4 Etape Loch Ness- Sunday 26th April 2016

5.5 Loch Ness Marathon- Sunday 27th September 2015: Awaiting leaflets, details are posted on website.

5.6 Man vs Horse- Sunday 17th April 2016. Event open to runners and horse riders.

7. Correspondence.

6.1 Public consultation for council ward area boundaries. Details on the website, comments by 26th October.

6.2 Recruitment of retained firefighters- Details are on the website and the Facebook page.

8. **Treasurers report:** Report given by JH. LEADER funds are now unrestricted funds.

9. Planning & Development:

8.1 Dores War Memorial Restoration- No update

8.2 Field Shelter (Balachladaich)

8.3 Forestry traffic- Update from DM regarding movement of timber through Dores. Route through the village is designated route. Concerns are being raised due to the volume timber trucks passing through Dores Village. **Action:** LCR to email Tec Services expressing community council's support of use of preferred route by Forestry Commission Timber Transport.

8.4 SSE Farigaig Substation- EM, JH and Iain Cameron are part of a Community Liaison Group this is aiming to improve communications between the community and the project. It has already been requested that transport does not pass through the village and passing places on the Essich Road are lengthened and upgraded. There will be a liaison meeting on the 24th September 2015.

10. Water, Sewerage & Roads:

9.1 Scottish Water- No further news on the pump station.

9.2 Sewerage- Sewerage capacity is there for Small Housing Project and Pump Station.

9.3 Small Housing Project- There is funding available for communities to buy for affordable rentals.

9.3 Roads- Awaiting update from Cllr Davidson.

11. AOCB

10.1 Superfast broadband is due in December 2015 for Dores residents. There is further information on the Facebook page and the website.

10.2 Motorboats on the Loch- It is being observed that motorboats are very close to the swimmers on shores of the beach and causing a lot of noise. **Action:** SF to speak to Adam Da Silva regarding possible ways to resolve or improve this matter.

10.3 Prescriptions- It may be possible to arrange with Foyers Medical Centre to deliver repeat prescriptions to the Dores Inn.

10.4 Election Timetable- A reminder that the 6th October is the deadline for lodging election nominations (the whole timetable is available on the website).

10.5 Graveyard extension- To contact Highland Council requesting update on the extension. **Action:** EM to contact Cllr Davidson and Cllr Norrie Donald about the graveyard extension.

Meeting closed 21.06hrs

Next meeting Monday 5th October 2015 at the Dores Parish Hall.