

**Draft Minutes
Dores & Essich Community Council**

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 30th November 2015 Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs

Members Present: Cllr Margaret Davidson, Ella MacRae, Angus MacLaren, Lorien Cameron-Ross, Iain Cameron, Duncan Manson, John Martin, Hayley Ross and 4 members of the public.

Meeting opened and a welcome from Cllr Davidson to the first meeting with the newly formed Community Council.

Election of office bearers.

Nominations for Chair: Ella MacRae proposed: LCR seconded: IC

Cllr Davidson hands over the meeting to EM.

Nominations for Vice-Chair: Angus MacLaren proposed: LCR seconded: DM

Nominations for Secretary: Lorien Cameron-Ross proposed: EM seconded: AM

Nominations for Treasurer: Iain Cameron proposed:EM seconded: DM

Community Council Meeting 1940hrs

Members Present: Cllr Margaret Davidson, Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Lorien Cameron-Ross (Secretary), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Duncan Manson, John Martin, Hayley Ross (Minutes Secretary) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Dr Jean Davis, Helen Carmichael and Cath Mckinnon.

A welcome from all council members and members of the public.

2. **Co-opting of additional members:** A number of people have expressed an interest in joining the council. The community council would like to ask for nominations at a later date to allow potential candidates a period of introduction.
3. **Election of office bearers** – done in previous meeting
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Accepted as a true record. proposed: DM seconded: EM

5. Matters Arising:

5.1: 'P' sign at the church: Still awaiting parking sign at the church overflow car park. Action: Cllr Davidson to investigate.

5.2: Fish Farm: Cllr Davidson has met with Marine Harvest at the fish farm. Discussed planning and keeping area tidy. Action: Cllr Davidson to continue to liase reference planning.

5.3: Graveyard Extension: No further update.

5.4: Extension of white lines at the entrance to The Dores Inn: Still awaiting Action: Cllr Davidson to follow up.

5.5: Scottish Water: EM has contacted, yet to arrange invitation to meeting to discuss future projects further.

6. **Police Report:** LCR circulates report by email. Notable points; various vehicles given fixed penalty notices for speeding in the village.

7. **Local Events:**

7.1: Man vs Horse Scotland- 17th April 2016

7.2: Etape Loch Ness- 24th April 2016- Malcolm Sutherland will be coming to the next community council meeting on the 11th January to discuss the forthcoming event.

7.3: Groove 2016- 20th August 2016

7.4: Loch Gu Loch- 1st October 2016

Cllr Davidson thanks those involved with organising the greatly successful community market on the 14th November 2015.

Cllr Davidson leaves the meeting at 2000hrs.

8. **Correspondence (circulated by email to community councilors.**

8.1: Scottish Hydro Electric Project.

8.2: Scottish and Southern Energy- Proposed Knocknagael to Tomatin overhead line.

9. **Treasurer's report:** Report given by John Hedger and accounts handed over to Iain Cameron.

10. **Planning & Development:**

10.1: Dores War Memorial- Update given by IC. To move project forward and qualify for grants a conservation architect will be employed.

10.2: Loch Ness View: Update from Graham Reid given by EM. The House build has begun. Planning permission has been granted. Stage 2 of project including the drainage of surface water is being checked.

10.3 Preferred route corridor for SSE over head lines running from the canal through Torbreck and Scaniport. John Martin raises concerns over the plan for these overhead lines. Current overhead lines, the size of the proposed pylons and the distance from residential properties are contributing to concerns. Following a consultation resistance has been met to burying the lines. Councilors are in support of this objection and will support in this matter. Action: LCR to write a representation to SSE from community council of the accepted solution of underground lines before the deadline date of 8th December 2015 and to copy in local councilors, MP's and MSP's. JM and AM to speak to other affected residents and make individual objections.

10.4: Highland wide development of affordable housing- JM raises concerns of changes of the criteria for development of affordable housing. Raises questions over whether this will provide sufficient levels of affordable housing. Discussed among councilors Action: JM to investigate with permission of other councillors.

10.5: Self-Catering Accommodation: JM changes expected to the planning rules for self-catering accommodation to allow residents to change. It is discussed amongst members. Action: JM to forward possible submission to other council members.

11. **Water, Sewerage & Roads:**

11.1: Road markings on the Dores Road at Laggan: When pulling out at Laggan concerns about potential dangers of cars overtaking. This has been discussed by council members and will be passed on to Cllr Davidson. There are also reports of current white lines fading.

11.2 Cycle Path from Dores to Inverness: It is noted that some sections are non-motorised user paths and that this should be taken into consideration when selecting signage. It has also been noted that drains are getting choked by dirt and leaf debris causing pooling of water across the road and that there has been incidents of road users parking across the cycle path.

11.3 Road closures between Torbreck and Holm roundabout: Closures will begin overnight for a month resulting in a diversion down the Torbreck road. Concerns are raised as no consultation was made prior to the closures. There are reports of differing times for the closures on the road signs and potential delays for services. Action: Cllr Davidson to investigate and report back.

11.4 Gritting: It is reported of vehicles sliding in icy conditions on the hill leading from the village. Action: Cllr Davidson to investigate in to the time the road is gritted and if it can be done earlier.

12. Winter Resilience:

There is a list of names of participants and it has been confirmed that they are still willing. Participants are insured to grit pavements and gloves, shovel and vests are provided. There is still a gap for Millcroft.

13. Future Meetings: HR to publish on the village and school notice boards. JH will publish at the Post office.

11th January 2016
29th February 2016
18th April 2016
29th August 2016
24th October 2016
12th December 2016

14. AOCB:

14.1: Aldourie Primary School Skiing Trip- The children from Aldourie Primary School are hoping to go on a joint ski trip with Foyers and Stratherrick schools. The school are currently fundraising but would like to know of the possibility of a contribution towards the final costs. Councillors agree on a contribution of £200.

14.2: Development Trust- There is currently a space for a community councillor on the development trust. DM is already a member. It is agreed that EM will act as a substitute in case DM cannot attend to represent Community Council.

14.3: Parish Boundaries- Map boundaries are discussed. Unable to confirm them. Action: Nina Findlay to investigate.

14.4: Database of Community Council Residents- It has been agreed that a database will be created for residents to improve communication links. All residents will get the opportunity to opt in and the information required will be name, address and email addresses. Members of the council and a few volunteers will visit the residents or leave a form. Action: IC to register a database and draft a letter to residents, JM has volunteered to manage the database and EM to add addresses already held.

14.5: Freeview- No update.

14.6: Small Housing Trust- Gavin Findlay, EM and IC to continue to represent.

14.7: South Loch Ness Tourist Group- Candy Cameron would like to inform residents of the future project to develop an Inverfarigaig Visitor centre. Will be calling a meeting for all interested parties. Date to be confirmed.

End of meeting 2145hrs

Next Meeting 11th January 2016