

Draft Minutes.

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 29th August 2016

Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs.

1. **Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Lorien Cameron-Ross, John Martin, Hayley Ross (Minutes Secretary) and Sarah Hartley (Secretary).

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Jean Davis and Cllr Margaret Davidson (arrived 19.35)

Representatives in attendance: Const. Aros Matheson, Const. Ryan McGill, Scottish Water-Diana Burgess, Jim Briggs and Lachlan Cowan.

Plus 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Lavinia (Aldourie Castle) and Duncan Manson.

2. Sarah Hartley is co-opted in as a Community Council and takes the role as Secretary. **Pro: LCR Sec: AM**

3. **Scottish Water-** Update with outlined plans and changes since last presentation given from Diana Burgess, Jim Briggs and Lachlan Cowan. EM has requested a full presentation prior to the planning application and further consultation with the community.

There are currently wildlife and environmental surveys taking place and noise surveys will be commencing shortly. Scottish Water are liaising with the Small Housing Community Trust with regards to supporting the project and the village hall car park is being examined ref. Improvements. Plans have been outlined to lay power cables from Inverness to Dores alongside the B862. It is raised that there concerns over road disruptions and Cllr Davidson requests that the CC are regularly updated with developments. Considerations into improving the water supply into the village are also taking place. CC also request a copy of the noise survey results once the survey has been concluded.

4. **Police Report-** Const. Aros Matheson and Const. Ryan MacGill are in attendance. Const. Ryan MacGill has recently been posted to Fort Augustus and has begun the post. JM gives the police report. It is raised at the meeting that trail bikes are continuing to cause disruption. If anyone has any further information regarding the matter please inform the police. A reminder for the number for the local office is given- **01320366662.**

5. **Minutes of the Last Meeting (6th June 2016)-** Minutes approved. **Pro: IC Sec: AM**

6. **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

6.1: **Co-option of a new member-** Sarah Hartley co-opted into the council at the start of the meeting.

6.2: **Groove Festival:** The festival was a sell-out event with 2,500 festival goers. No complaints were logged by residents Of the tickets requested by residents 28 were not collected. £1270 was raised by community ticket sales. Proposed by EM that monies raised from the community tickets for the event is saved for now by the CC.

Pro: EM Sec: JM.

6.3: Etaph Donation: A £500 donation was given to the community. Em proposes its donated to the hall committee. CC happy with this.

6.4: Litter- Beach and Forest: The litter on the beach is under control. However, the litter in the forest is getting worse and becoming more of a problem. Lavinia from Aldourie Castle is keen to liaise and support resolving the issue. EM proposes a small working group is formed to concentrate their efforts on this problem. **Action:** To contact Stewart Easthaugh. Liaise with Lavinia and SH to form a small working group.

6.5: Fish Farm Planning: Cllr Davidson gives an update: To expect a new planning application in the next few months. **Action:** Await planning application.

6.6: White lines and parking outside the Dores Inn: White line has been extended at the junction outside the pub. Drivers are continuing to park at junction causing poor visibility for people crossing the road and other drivers leaving the pub. **Action:** SH to speak to village resident about log offences and gathering evidence. Cllr Davidson to speak to Charles Stevens to request details on contacting warden and any other advice.

6.7: Database: Having problems with emailing the contacts. **Action:** JM and LCR to look into resolution and templates.

6.8: Lifebuoys on the beach: Lifebuoys have been replaced and there are two alarms to be fitted to see if they are helpful. **Action:** To speak to Adam and other staff members at the pub as well as residents of Torr Gardens about alarms being fitted.

6.9: Bus driver: The bus driver is not retiring at the moment.

6.10: Letters awaiting reply: No replies yet.

7. Correspondance:

7.1: Kirking of the Council Invitation: Sunday 11th 2016. EM unable to attend.

7.2: Crown Estate Portfolio.

7.3: South Loch Ness Maps printed ready for delivery.

8.Treasurers Report: Given by IC. Have received £231.00 from the Pottery House donations.

9. Planning & Development:

9.1: Tigh-Na-Coille Aldourie Estate- Alterations.

10. Water and Sewerage: Scottish Water presentation see 2.

11. Matters for Discussion:

11.1: Jacobite Cruises: Residents reporting boats operating throughout day starting early in the morning with very loud commentary and singing over speakers. The sound travels a long way and at times is disruptive to local businesses and those enjoying the natural tranquillity of Dores. The matter has already been discussed with Jacobite cruises. **Action:** SH to write to Jacobite with suggestions that could help resolve matter and complaints to be collated.

11.2: Church Car park: The over flow car park at the church has been affective. However, campers with vans and tents have been using the car park overnight. An email has been sent to the council and signs will be going up to remind the car park users that there is 'no overnight parking'. The bins in the cemetery were also overflowing and rubbish had spilled out. This has been dealt with. **Action:** Residents to keep an eye on overnight parking and the rubbish.

11.3: Footpaths- School and Darris: The paths were extremely overgrown. The paths are the councils responsibility and have been dealt with.

11.4: TV reception: Residents are still be affected by poor TV reception. There is a possibility there are trees affecting the signal. **Action:** SH to conduct a survey on residents TV reception.

11.5: Council Membership: There is currently a vacancy on the Community Council. To be advertised. **Action:** SH to draw up advert. JM to look into mailing database.

12. Memorial Update: IC- A Conservation Architect is assisting with grant applications. Work will hopefully be commencing Spring/Summer 2017.

13. Community Trust Report: No report as yet.

14. AOCB:

14.1: Secretary's Expenses: Discussed at CC business meeting. The expenses for the Secretary and Minutes Secretary. Proposed they are increased. **Pro: AM Sec: EM**

14.2: Loch Ness Marathon: Fiona King has requested details of the road closures during the event in September. **Action:** SH to email Malcolm Sutherland to request details.

14.3: A82 Primrose Bay Felling Operations: May cause an increase in road users on the south side of the Loch.

14.4: Speed Checks in the village: To follow up on speed checks and potential traffic calming measures. **Action:** Email Alastair MacLoed.

14.5: Loch Ness Scenic Route Projects: Letter has been sent awaiting reply. **Action:** Copy to be forwarded to SH.

14.6: Bus stop outside Millcroft: Would it be possible to have a request bus stop installed closer to Millcroft to allow access to disabled resident. **Action:** SH to email Stagecoach and send details to Cllr Davidson so can be put in touch with Steve Walker.

14.7: Ness Castle developments: Awaiting improvements on the school path as part of the development project. JM has written to Fraser Parr and had no response. **Action:** To contact again to requests details about why work hasn't commenced and copy in Cllr Davidson and local councillors.

14.8: Ward 13 Community Broadband Partnership: IC informs that there are many residents that wont gain access to the super fast broadband from BT Openreach. The Community Broadband Partnership aim to bridge the gaps.

Meeting Closed 2130hrs

Next meeting 24th October 2016