

## **Draft Minutes.**

### **Dores & Essich Community Council**

#### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs.**

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

**Councillors in Attendance:** Cllr Davidson and Cllr George Cruichshank (joined meeting a1945hrs)

**Representatives in Attendance:** Ian MacGillivray and Douglas MacDonald (Highland Council), PC William Jones.

**Plus 8 members of the public**

**Apologies:** Simon Pillatt, Susan Hunter (HSCHT) and Michael Chisholm (HSCHT).

2. **Traffic Calming- Ian MacGillivray and Douglas MacDonald:**

Following discussions at the last meeting a consultation has taken place prior to the CC meeting to discuss the proposed traffic calming solutions. Looking to design a scheme that the public support for Scottish Water to fund prior to work commencing at the pumping station. Drawings have been supplied for residents to comment on. Mixed thoughts on what would be best to reduce the speed of drivers through the village. So far roughly 20 members of the community have seen the proposed plans. **To continue consultation period until the end of the School holidays (14<sup>th</sup> August).** Any thoughts or questions to Ella before this date to be passed on to HC. Questionnaires and current design ideas will be circulated by email and will also be available at Cherry Cottage.

**Action:** Letters with information and map of design to be circulated by email. SH.

Questions taken from members of the public.

Further meeting will be required to finalise plans. IM will return to the next meeting with plans and detailed report covering all issues.

A further speed reading will be taken in the village.

**Scaniport:** EM requests a speed reading also be taken in Scaniport. Will consider this and may be able to proceed with two weeks in Dores and two weeks in Scaniport. **Action:** EM to confirm location in Scaniport.

**Torbreck:** JM requests update on Safer route to school at Torbreck- IM informs that the job has gone out to tender and work due to commence middle of September.

**Access to housing site:** IM Following request to prepare scheme for access from the public road to the proposed site a scheme has been designed and passed on to HC and HSCHT this will be discussed with Scottish Water. Drawings are available for CC.

**2.1: HSCHT:** No update, Meeting due on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 with Susan Hunter and Cllr Margaret Davidson.

3. **Minutes from the last meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017. A true record. **Pro:** DM **Sec:** SH.

4. **Police Report:** Given by PC William Jones.

Following complaints of misuse of the beach police have been in attendance to speak to users and to remind them to take litter with them and leave the car park safely.

**Notice to residents:** Following incident of fraud, please be very cautious of flyers and door stoppers and don't hand any money over before work is complete.

5. **Matters Arising from the last meeting:**

**5.1: Scottish Water:** Had contact on 28/06/17. Still working with land owners.

**5.2: Fish Farm:** No comments.

**5.3: Ness Castle Development:** 'Safer routes to school' IM informs tenders are out and work due to commence middle of September.

**5.4: Foot/cycle path-** Work to improve drainage and reduce debris has completed. Has been in working order since completion during heavy rain.

**5.5: Community Broadband:** Update given by IC. Installation has begun and testing has taken place. So far is has been very successful. At the moment the technology requires line of sight to the equipment. Further equipment will allow for this to change. Further information will be available in due course. Monthly costs are expected to be around £25-£30 and installation grants can be accessed in some cases. Still unsure about availability to Torbreck and Scaniport. Other companies are also interested in improving internet services. IC to keep us informed.

**5.6: Cemetery Extension-** No further update. Action: Cllr Davidson to look into delays. Bridge still requiring repairs Action: IC to look in to this. Residents are continuing to monitor usage of the church car park. Most users are following the rules. Some reports of advise given that the car park is a suitable place to stay overnight. To continue to monitor.

**5.7: Environmental issues-** The Beach and Torr Gardens. Police have been checking the beach to communicate with users following reports made by residents.  
Torr Gardens: Jeanette Murray/SH- Plan to improve and tidy up beds. Trees are coming from Woodland Trust end of October for a woodland hedge. EM suggests asking senior children from the village to help with the project. SH is passing a flyer round the village to encourage people to help.

**5.8: Community Development Trust-** No meeting since last CC meeting. Confirmed that Nina Findlay is the contact for forms from University Students. Address is on the website.

**5.9: Street Lights:** Continuing reports of too lights both too bright and too dim. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to chase this.

**5.10: Loch Ness View:** Cllr Davidson to meet with Ian MacGillivray to resolve issue.

**5.11: Affordable homes development:** Springfield homes were asked for more information regarding their proposal. No response yet.

**5.12: Affordable homes:** Following response that an extra affordable home build has been transferred to an alternative area. Following a development at local site it is raised as to whether it is possible to transfer another one back to the village. **Action:** SH to write to Alan MacGuire.

**5.13: Speed Limit B862:** There has been no response regarding speed limit extension.

6. **Inverfarigaig Community Project-** Still ongoing. New members have joined the group.

7. **Treasurers Report-** Given by IC. In receipt of £750 from Etape.

8. **Correspondence:**

**8.1: Felling Licence-Bunachton Woods:** Outside of Parish.

**8.2: Housing Land Audit:** Circulated to CC.

**8.3: HITRANS Regional Transport Strategy-** Circulated to CC.

**8.4: Edward Mountain MSP-** Would like to meet and join meeting. **Action:** EM to respond and welcome to meeting.

**8.5: Planning Department** ref: Jacobite planning request. Letter from CC has been acknowledged and is going to the planning committee.

**8.6: Crown Estates Scotland Bulletin.**

**8.7: Fly the Red Ensign:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.

**8.8: Knocknagael-Tomatin project:** SSE power line is being installed. Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 in Farr. Due to increased levels of traffic during the installation CC would like to discuss the same speed limit reduction that has been in place previously. **Action:** SH to reply.

**8.9: Beast Race:** Letter from Paul Corrigan. Event will take place again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity.

9. **Planning and Development:**

**9.1: Scaniport:** Development of 5 houses. Approved for planning. Requests from public that access to site won't be affected. **Action:** SH to write to planning regarding access and to remind that 25% affordable homes contribution will now be due.

**9.2: Achvraid Farm:** Family home development. No issues.

**9.3: Torbreck The Cabin-** Application of certificate of lawful use. No action required.

**9.4: The Clansman:** Discussion regarding application. Will be greater visual impact and some residents are not happy with the current bright lighting and concerns there will be more following development. Issues also over road safety. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to the Clansman regarding the lighting and JM to write to Planning Department with comments from the CC.

10. **Memorial Update:** Community has been successful and been awarded grant. IC explained that there is some uncertainty about the Church. He asked if the Memorial should be moved and rebuilt at the cemetery entrance. After discussion it was agreed to consult with the community. **Action:** IC to produce a flier to go out to the community.

11. **AOCB:**

**11.1: Parking at Torr Gardens:** Continuing problem. **Action:** EM to contact Alan Johnstone requesting sign for entrance to Torr Gardens.

**11.2: E-car club:** Morgan Cowley and Malcolm MacRobert would like to attend meeting to discuss. **Action:** SH to respond with invitation to next meeting.

**11.3: Outdores event at the Inn:** DM reports 6 residents from Torr Gardens have complained about the events at the Inn in regards to the noise, disturbance and people attending the event. Also concerns over CCTV. Adam invites any one to approach him to discuss. For those who would rather discuss with CC Ella requests complaints are in writing. This will allow CC to deal with the direct issues.

**11.4: New Ward Councillors** are as follows: Alasdair Christie LD, Ron McWilliam SNP and Callum Smith Cons.

**11.5:Groove:** Letter regarding tickets have been circulated by email for those who are not on the database they can be delivered by hand. Please get in touch with SH for more details.

**11.6: Loch Ashie:** CC is informed that there is a large volume of tyres and silage wrapping by the side of Loch Ashie. Photos of the items provided. **Action:** SH to retrieve photo and contact those concerned.

**11.7: Access Group:** Candy Cameron has had quotes to mark a new 50 mile trail and installation of a day shelter. Total cost of project will be £4,400. Welcoming ideas for raising money for project.

**Date of the next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Meeting closed 2135 hrs**