

## DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

**1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair)(EMacR)  
 Gavin Finlay (Vice Chair) (GF)  
 John Hedger (Treasurer) (JH)  
 Steve Feltham (SF)  
 Roslyn MacKay (RMackK)  
 Graham Scott (GS)  
 Duncan Manson (DM)

**In Attendance:** Sarah Hartley, Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary) (CC)  
 5 members of public

**2. Apologies:** Ruairidh MacLennan, John Martin  
 Cllr Drew Hendry, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Hamish Wood

**3. Adoption of Previous Minute:**  
 Minutes of AGM 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Proposed: Graham Scott    Seconded: John Hedger

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:**

Aldourie School will be holding an open Day June 23<sup>rd</sup> morning for community to see completed works at school.

Village Website is working well.

Scottish Water issue still ongoing – EMacR and GF have met representatives in an effort to sort out problems.

Community Council now have a new Constitution and 8 members

Progress on signs from A9 to Dores/Foyers to be checked

**Action: EMacR**

**5. Chairman's Report:**

Another busy year for the Community Councillors with the LEADER Project works (which it is hope will be complete soon) and additional meetings with Highland Council Planners.

The (postal) elections held in November were the first time Dores & Essich Community Council have had a contested election – with 10 people standing for the new (reduced) number of 8 Councillors.

Discussion on options for traffic calming have been ongoing and community is currently awaiting feedback from Highland Council TEC services.

During the year the Community Council has had the usual problems with pot holes / dog fouling / litter / and Scottish Water.

Work is progressing to produce a one-off newsletter for the village in the near future.

Attendance at meetings has improved over the last year and the Chair closed her remarks with thanks to the Office Bearers, Highland Councillors and Minute Secretary.

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

Accounts were presented to the meeting. JH presented unaudited report and it was noted that, although the telescope income appears to have reduced significantly that the previous treasurer still holds unbanked cash and that the telescope has not been emptied recently. It was estimated that income would in fact be approx same as 2011 in real terms. There are a number of small invoices due in shortly. Accounts to be approved after independent check completed by two members of the community.

## 7. AOCB:

\* **Roads.** A briefing from Cllr Drew Hendry regarding roadworks- specifically surface dressing at Scaniport / grass cutting between Dores & Scaniport / Aldourie Brae emergency repairs. On the latter item EMacR noted that the quality of this work was very poor and that she would query this with Highland Council. Highland Council have done a video survey prior to Rockness this year highlighting areas along road edges that need attention.

\* **Beach.** A letter received complaining about litter and especially bottles on beach causing injury to domestic pets requiring expensive veterinary treatment.

Members noted that village had just had a particularly bad weekend with both general public and secondary school children camping leaving high volumes of litter especially glass bottles and including tents and sleeping bags. Problem has escalated from previous years. A letter to be drafted to go to the Inverness Schools informing them of the situation and requesting that concerns be passed to their PTAs. Also a Press Release to be drawn up ready for release (with photographs) should a similar event happen this summer. Some concern expressed that the police knew the teenagers were holding an event but were not in evidence over the weekend. There is a Waste Management Team who will come and assess our area – use litter bins? If so where and how many? Also an increasingly urgent need to progress the planned Beach Meeting of Ward Manager (with local agencies and community council)

\* **Funding Request.** A letter from Aldourie School requesting funding for the 41 children of school and nursery to each receive commemorative Diamond Jubilee gifts. It was noted that the Dores Community Trust had already agreed to fully fund this so funding not required.

\* **Office Bearers.** A letter from Ruairidh MacLennan informing Council that this would be his last year as Secretary but that he will be keen to remain as ordinary member after that.

\* **Planning.** Agreement to support Lochardil Stores in-store pharmacy application. Also agreement to support plans for new house to replace existing one at Balnafoich.

\* **Inner Moray Plan.** Closing date for comments is 6<sup>th</sup> July. Outline of housing proposals at southern end of village given. Concern expressed that more development in the village would put unacceptable pressure on roads with increased traffic. Roads already experience a high amount of speeding and there is a lack of police presence. Community members encouraged to send in comments. Link to questionnaire will be on village website.

\* **Vandalism.** Highlighting incident where a visitor's tyres were let down when parked legally outside Dores post office – this is not the image we wish to portray

Also illegal dumping of household goods and rubbish still ongoing (over several years) at old bridge on road out to Foyers. GF spoken to police - suggestion to install CCTV cameras (no warnings required) but this would be expensive, difficult to monitor (whose responsibility?) and not necessarily effective due to picture quality. Suggestion to put up a sign to discourage the practice. Raise this fly tipping problem with Waste Management Team and highlight with Cllr Drew Hendry.

## 8. LEADER Update:

Two stone entrance signs completed. SH has consulted TEC services about erecting a third one on top road and has approached Leader for permission to utilise unused portion of grant for this. Shoreline sign complete in workshop. EMacR, GF & SF to approve before it is positioned by loch. Time capsules from school and nursery ready to add, community time capsule to come. Cycle shelter - completed, but still need new stand for litter bin.

Signage – should be available in about 2 weeks

Shoreline interpretation sign – content should be finalised this week ready for proof reading.

Playpark – ongoing negotiations about which council department is responsible for steps/entrance etc (safety aspects)

Meeting closed at 9pm

**Next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall**