

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held on 12th June 2013 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae (Chair)(EMacR)
 Gavin Finlay (Vice Chair) (GF)
 Ruairidh MacLennan (Secy) (RMacL)
 John Hedger (Treasurer) (JH)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Graham Scott (GS)

In Attendance: Cllr Drew Hendry (Cllr DH), PC Aros Mathieson, Sgt Andrew Blakely
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary) (CC)
 5 members of public

2. Apologies: Roslyn MacKay, Duncan Manson, Cllr Hamish Wood
 Cllr Margaret Davidson (arrived at close of meeting), Sarah Hartley

3. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of AGM 28th May 2012 (with date correction) were
 Proposed by: Gavin Finlay and Seconded by: Steve Feltham

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

None

5. Chairman's Report:

- The Village LEADER project is now just about complete with final claim / report to be submitted and loan refunded to Dores Community Development Trust (DCDT) in two weeks.
- The problems with the Scottish Water drains at the southern end of the village seem to be resolved.
- The Aldourie Castle Access Plan is still ongoing.
- The Fish Farm planning breach is still ongoing – village is waiting on Planning Dept.
- Sign clutter in village centre still a problem and no real improvement on the road edges between village and Holm.
- Litter problem has been alleviated with additional bins and system of ring for council to empty generally is working well. However we may well need further bins to cope with demand.
- Community Services are now completing tasks (gardening etc) for elderly and nursery.
- Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) still looking at housing development south of Parish Hall but additional water reports still required.
- Loch Ness View still needing its road to be adopted and for drainage problem to be resolved.
- This year must see the adopting of the graveyard extension
- With thanks to local councillors; community councillors; minute secretary; webmaster and of course to Ruairidh MacLennan who is stepping down from Secretary after a full 9 year stint.

6. Treasurer's Report:

John Hedger declared an interest in that he is also Treasurer of the DCDT and stated that Community Council accounts also have copies of the DCDT bank statements to verify transactions between the two bodies.

Accounts were presented to the meeting.

JH presented unaudited report and it was noted that accounts still show the loan from DCDT of £60,000 – to be repaid shortly.

Accounts to be approved after independent check completed by two members of the community.

7. AOCB:

* **RockNess.** EMacR clarified that the Minutes of the Community Council Meeting of 21 March 2013 confirm that an agreement was made that RockNess would donate a flat £10,000 in 2013 and that the Community Council could charge £10 for each guest ticket with the funds going directly to the DCDT. This year guest ticket sales were £4670 resulting in funds to the DCDT totalling just under that donated for 2012.

A.MacDonald queried why some sort of receipt was not issued with each guest ticket for the issue of complete transparency. EMacR assured him that the list of guest tickets will be reconciled against funds received. This matter to be raised at RockNess Debrief.

Generally it was felt that the thorny issue of Guest Tickets had been dealt with conscientiously and that the system implemented worked well.

Police confirmed that they had had very few incidents and that the festival went well.

* **Housing at South End of Village.** John Martin reported that he had had a letter from Scottish Water regarding the Flow Tests previously carried out but that these proved inconclusive and that an additional survey would be needed at a cost of £12,000. John Martin to query progress on project with Susan Hunter from HSCHT. It was noted that there were still two areas zoned for housing – this one and one at the northern end of the village, just by Millcroft.

Village Planning to be fully discussed at a later meeting.

Election of Office Bearers.

EMacR stood down for election to take place with RMacL taking the chair.

Committee Office Bearers were proposed and seconded as follows:

Chair: Ella MacRae - Proposed by Gavin Finlay; Seconded by Graham Scott

Vice Chair: Gavin Finlay - Proposed by Steve Feltham; Seconded by John Hedger

Treasurer: John Hedger - Proposed by Ella MacRae; Seconded by Gavin Finlay

(John Hedger declared an interest as also being treasurer of DCDT)

Interim Secretary: Steve Feltham - Proposed by Ella MacRae; Seconded by Graham Scott

(Full Secretary to be appointed asap – Committee to look at co opting member to assist)

RMacL confirmed that he would notify all necessary contact of new generic email address and sort out secretarial equipment held

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting Monday 19th August 2013 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall