

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 1st July 2019

Dores Parish Hall at 1930 hrs

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Simon Pillatt (Secretary), John Martin, David Mason (Associate Member), Colin MacPherson, Anne MacLaren (Minutes Secretary) and Cllr Margaret Davidson

Plus 3 members of the public

Apologies: Derek MacRae, Duncan Manson and Jeanette Murray (Associate Member)

2.1 Affordable Housing - there was nothing to report.

2.2 Traffic Calming - Cllr Margaret Davidson commented that Iain MacGillivray has left the Highland Council. Bryan Stout will now be in charge. To be discussed at the next CC meeting.

3. Minutes from last CC meeting on 13/5/19 - they were proposed by John and seconded by Colin.

4. Police Report - the report included 2 people being spoken to regarding minor speeding issues, one report for no licence or insurance and fly tipping being reported. If further problems with fly tipping Alan McKinnie, Waste Operations Manager, to be contacted.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Scottish Water - Cllr Margaret Davidson had a meeting with a SW engineer in charge who is not giving much information. Application will be made later this year. Gavin Steele may be able to give update.

5.2 Cemetery Extension - Cllr Margaret Davidson has been in negotiations with The Church of Scotland. The Highland Council have promised to the presbytery the plan details of entrance, extension and affordable housing details. She commented that names should be put on the Highland Housing Register for residents who are looking for bigger houses. EM intimated Cllr Davidson will be looking at the 3 items including traffic calming, Scottish Water project and cemetery extension.

5.3 ILI Pump Storage - date for ILI planning meeting is 7th August 2019.

5.4 Groove Ness Festival - a cheque has now been received for the sum of £830 and this is to be banked by IC.

5.5 Dores and Holm Community Council Boundaries - a letter has been delivered to 36 residents by AM and JM. There have been 10 replies. The results will be sent to Alison Clark at the Highland Council and Holm Community Council. Cllr Margaret Davidson commented there is no clear view of where the boundaries are. The CC is small so look carefully about giving up numbers. There has been a communication gap with Holm CC and it was agreed all communication in future will be sent to SP, our Secretary, and copied to the Chair. EM to contact Murray McCheyne, Holm CC Chair.

5.6 Community Council Review 2018/2019 - the meeting on 8th June was cancelled and to be held later in the year.

5.7 Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan - JM attended meeting and found it very interesting, The CC should have input into this. A short meeting is to be arranged to discuss. Cllr Davidson suggested looking at the Local Development plan and decide what the CC would like to do for sites for future development for the next 10 years. Put in early representations and get a meeting together. An event will be organised and speak to Douglas Chisholm about this. Lorien Cameron- Ross suggested including landowners on the discussion. Before first draft of plan is drawn up key points will be made with emphasis on burial ground.

5.8 Cycle Path Maintenance - CM to write back to Ali Nairne, Highland Council, with a request for priority for the work to be done on the cycle path with copy letter to Cllr Margaret Davidson. CM to write to Hi-Trans also about the cycle path to be put on the map. It was noted that the grass verges have actually been cut.

A reply from Candy Cameron, South Loch Ness Access Group, regarding improving footpaths at the back of Clune Farm was received and happy to assist. A suggestion of a letter to be sent to Tim Kirkwood, Wildland, about maintaining the footpath.

6. Planning - there were no planning applications but the application for the field at Drumdevan hasn't been withdrawn per JM.

7. Treasurer's Report - IC handed out the bank report and commented there hasn't been much happening as the start of the financial year. Payment of insurance to Zurich is new rather than the Highland Council paying this. Total in the bank to date is £7,394.63.

8. Correspondence -

8.1 - Correspondence was received from Candy Cameron, South Loch Ness Access Group which has already been discussed in point 5.8.

8.2 - Letter received from the Community Development Trust supporting the CC for the transfer of prescriptions from Foyers surgery to Dores Inn for one year and the situation will then be reviewed. A cheque was received for £416. DM passed on concerns from the Trust whether the CC should be supporting this service and also if the medications should be picked up from Dores Inn.

8.3 - Correspondence was received from Operations Director at Jacobite Cruises who apologises for the noise from their tannoy and the volume will be reduced.

8.4 - Correspondence from Lorna, Chair of the Gala Committee, requesting a donation to support them as last year for stewards and toilet facilities. It was agreed to give £500. It was pointed out by David that the Development Trust are also considering the request.

8.5 - Correspondence regarding litter at Dores Beach. Concerns were raised about litter being left by youngsters. There is evidence of a Charleston Academy pupil being involved. Gavin Finlay has written to Gordon Stewart, Head Teacher, about the all day party litter and a reply was received saying that the pupil has now left the Academy. Pupils from both Millburn Academy and Inverness Royal Academy have also been involved. EM to talk to Alan McKinnie about an extra bin to be delivered which had been promised but has not been delivered as yet. SP to send letters to head teachers about the litter.

8.6 - Correspondence for funding requests for pupils Finn Falconer and Gordon Manson for their trips to Tanzania with the Vine Trust. It was agreed to give them both £100 each to help with their fundraising.

8.7 - Correspondence from JM questioning the distribution of a letter from ILI detailing a summary of the technical responses submitted to the HC planning. The Chair asked JM to explain his opposition to the distribution of it. (Letter sent out with Minutes of meeting

held on 13th May along with Agenda for 1st July meeting). JM, after speaking on the subject, went on to say the CC should not be distributing letters from ILI as their plans had still to be discussed by the HC planning committee and should it go to a local Public Enquiry it would be completely inappropriate of the CC to assist them. The Chair pointed out that the letter received from ILI was answering the questions that the CC had asked and felt it was appropriate to distribute it to the community as was done previously. She stated that an email was sent to all community councillors with her intention and only one objection had been received. After discussion, it was agreed that it was in order for the letter to have been distributed. JM asked that his strong objection stands and is duly minuted.

AOCB - IC brought up about the football field rubbish and who actually owns the area. It was brought up that Adam, Dores Inn, owns it and the Highland Council cut the grass

AM commented about road safety at Scaniport and there was an incident at the entrance to Iain Hall's driveway last month. CM has already done some research work on this and will forward on plans to be discussed. An invitation will be sent to John Taylor, Roads Operations Manager, to attend a meeting to discuss road safety.

After thanking everybody for attending EM closed the meeting at 2120 hrs.

Date of next meeting 19th August 2019 at 1930 hrs