

Draft Minutes.

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 5th February 2018

Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs

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

Representatives in attendance: Ian MacGillivray (Highland Council) and Morag Fraser (Etape).

Apologies: Cllr Margaret Davidson, Lorien Cameron-Ross, Malcolm Sutherland (Etape), Susan Hunter (HSCHT) and John Martin, .

Plus 13 members of the public.

2. For 2.1 see updates from Ian MacGillivray

2.2: HSCHT- Apologies from Susan Hunter. See Scottish Water for update at 5.1.

2.3: Etape Race 29th April 2018: Morag Fraser- This year's race will have 5,600 riders as per its limit. Road closure information including a map have been circulated, there are no changes this year. Priority of the organisers remains with safety on the roads. Back up routes are in place if required. Organisers wish to accommodate residents wherever possible and may be able to organise escorts along the route. These need to be organised in advance with as much notice as possible. There will be a mail drop at the beginning of April and road signage will be out prior to the event. Etape would like to donate £1000 to each Community Council to help fund a project of their choice. Also, Etape are looking for volunteers to marshal the event. Please contact the organisers if you require at info@etapelochness.com or visit www.etapelochness.com

Date of next year's event is 28th April 2019

3.Minutes from the last meeting 13th November 2017: A true record. **Pro:** SP **Sec:** AM

4.Police Report: Given by EM. Total incidents reported 7.

5.Matters arising from the last meeting:

5.1: Scottish Water- Correspondence received informing of delay for the pumping station project. Scottish water will be in contact once a new delivery team has been established. Disappointment across CC. **Action:** To await further news and to have meeting with Cllr Davidson to discuss this matter.

5.2: Safer routes to school: New footpath in Torbreck. Work has started on path.

Road Safety Order: EM informs that a letter has been received from Highland Council informing of proposed 30 mile an hour zone on Ashie Moor Road Torbreck.

5.3: Cemetery Extension- Ian McGillivray. See below

5.4: Environmental improvements Torr Gardens: Improvements have continued. Trees and beds have been tidied. Funding has been given for new plants. A list of suggested plants has been provided by Highland Council, a weekend will be planned for planting. Get in touch with the CC if you have

any plant suggestions. IC asked if the CC could consider extending the green fencing in the village to complete a section. **Action:** DM to investigate cost.

5.5 Memorial Update. Given by IC- The panels for the proposed memorial are in production. They are expected to be finished sometime in March, construction will take place in the summer months. Assurances have been provided by Highland Council/Church of Scotland that the memorial site will be protected from the possible sale of the church.

An email from David Robertson has informed that if the church is sold there is a possibility that the watch house could be transferred back to the community. This will need to be considered following the relevant surveys. Some suggestions of a heritage site. For community members to consider.

5.6: ILI Pump Storage: Update from IC. Scoping report has been done. Environmental impact assessment will take place next. Planning application is expected to go in July 2018.

Updates from Ian McGillivray follows:

2.1: Traffic calming: Ian McGillivray- Scottish Water have informed of delay to the pumping station project which results in a delay in potential funding for the planned traffic calming project for the village. Aiming to complete the final design and cost the project by end of March. Once finished designs will be passed to CC. **Action:** Plans will be available for the next meeting, to look in to other funding options in the future.

5.3: Cemetery Extension- IM updates. Does is priority for funding. Current plans show capacity for 500 lairs, designs shown to those in attendance. Planning application expected to be put in by the end of March. Discussions over design and possibilities of negotiations over land ownership. **Action:** Plans to be agreed with Church of Scotland and then public copy of plans to be circulated.

5.7: Tesco Roundabout: EM has received a number of complaints regarding the speed and volume of road users and lack of lane markings. **Action:** To email IM asking for technical advice.

5.8: Speed at Scaniport/Dores: Action: EM to email IM with request to gather data.

6. Treasurers Report: Given by IC- One cheque still to be cashed. IC to look in to. £6,540.30 of unrestricted funds.

7. Correspondance:

7.1: Card from Kate Forbes MSP.

7.2: Response from Edward Mountain to John Martin regarding ILI Pump Storage scheme.

7.3: Letter from Cllr Emma Knox- The four Cllrs for the area have been divided up across the area. Cllr Davidson has been assigned to help with matters in our parish. CC are welcome to contact any other Councillor if the need arises.

7.4: Email from John Martin- Keeping in touch regarding CC matters. Is happy to continue working on grant for ILI pump storage.

8. Planning and Development:

8.1: The Park, Does- Demolition and reconstruction of property.

8.2: Aldourie Castle- Further works.

8.3: Gate Lodge- Further works.

8.4: Change of use application for field behind Torr Gardens. For secure area for walking and training dogs and increasing height of fence.

IC- Proposal of secure area for walking dogs due to difficulties finding areas to let dogs loose and increasing demand for secure area.

Concerns raised by members of the public over privacy/hygiene/dogs barking in a quiet residential area. Residents cannot see a benefit to the village. Concerned with parking problems as already an issue in Dores during busy periods. **Action:** To write letter expressing concerns raised and impact of dogs and parking constraints. Letter containing objections to be in by 11th February.

9. AOCB:

9.1: Tesco Roundabout: Raised issue with IM see 5.7:

9.2: Children's play areas: Areas have been used as dog exercise area. Dog warden has been informed and signs will be going up.

9.3: Castle works traffic: Large work vehicles from the castle have mistakenly been sent by sat navs to Bona Road and concerns have been raised as the lorries cannot turn and they are blocking the road also churning up the edges. **Action:** Speak to Castle regarding signage to reduce problem.

9.4: Pot Holes: Persistent problem with new pot holes and repaired pot holes becoming a problem again. **Action:** To contact John Taylor.

9.5: Loch Ness View road signs: Residents have requested that the signs be re located to a more prominent position to Loch Ness View as there have been incidents of Doctor going to wrong place. **Action:** EM to speak to Alan Johnston.

9.6: Groove: EM collecting cheque for last year's ticket proceeds.

9.7: Insurance cover for CC: Information passed to IC. **Action:** IC to look in to insurance cover and whether its needed.

9.8: First Aid course- Heidi Seaton looking in to whether there is any interest in running another course. Course is run by 'Lucky 2 b Here'. Please contact CC or Heidi if you are interested.

9.9: Forestry vehicles: DM informs CC Forestry commission will be harvesting timber from Whitefield and expect two timber trucks a day to pass through village. **Action:** DM to inform of school times and feedback.

9.10: School 20 mph sign. On order.

9.11: Telescope conversion: Gavin Findlay to request permission to have telescope converted to new pound coin. **Action:** to go ahead with conversion.

9.12: Path to Torr Woods: Member of public enquiring whether path can be continued to the woods. No funding to complete this stretch of path.

9.13: Broadband: No further news from Connected Loch Ness. Still testing equipment. **Action:** to contact again and request update from Cllr Davidson.

Meeting closed at 2120hrs

Date of next meeting 26th March 2018