

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1st November 2010 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae (Chair)(EMacR)
 John Martin (Vice Chair) (JM)
 Ruairidh MacLennan (Secretary) (RMacL)
 Duncan Manson (DM)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Anna Williams (AW)
 Roslyn Mackay (RM)
 Gavin Finlay (GF)
 John Hedger (JH)
 Annette Munro (AM)

In Attendance: Cllr John Finnie
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary)

2. Apologies: Iain Cameron
 Iain King
 Graham Scott
 Cllr Margaret Davidson; Cllr Drew Hendry; Cllr David Henderson

3. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of 27th September 2010 were accepted as read
 Proposed: Gavin Finlay Seconded: Ruairidh MacLennan

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Neath Birches - Delay in opening date, no date yet for Open Day. **Action: EMacR**
Loch Ness Marathon – Clean up after event went well.
Scottish Water – Work is being carried out.
Housing Needs Survey - Consultants for feasibility study are engaged – should be available by Christmas. Open village meeting planned for next spring.
Aldourie Castle - Access - ongoing.
Rockness - Village debrief on 8th November 7pm – agreed that JM could film interviews with attendees after but not during meeting.
Broadband - ongoing action to co ordinate local groups.
Traffic Calming - Highland Council TEC department drawing up plans to upgrade triangle junction in village (and signs) (Les Houlker is leaving shortly – RMacL to liaise with his replacement). RMacL forwarded comments received from Iain Cameron that there appeared to be discrepancies in traffic data. Arrange meeting with road department. **Action: RMacL**
 Clearer analysis of data supplied to be drawn up for committee. **Action: GF**
Grit bins to be supplied shortly.
Road Bends – Les Houlker's replacement will be considering this.
Ness Castle Lodges entrance - ongoing
Speed Warning Sign should be replaced by mid November. AM reported that sign at southern end is not working properly. **Action: RMacL**
Highland wide Local Consultation Plan JM and RMacL will read and report back to committee. (any significant comments to Highland Council by 3rd December) **Action: JM, RMacL**
Safe Routes to School – Aldourie School are arranging a site meeting with landowners.
Water Sewerage and Roads – Cllr Margaret Davidson is liaising with TEC services.
Planning - Cllr JF did not take part in following discussions except on advisory matters.
 Ness Castle Lodges & Darris Farmhouse – both are pending
AWS - Presentation next spring.
Beach wardens – Sgt Blakeley unable to attend but offering letter of support for Leader application for

beach warden and will meet with subgroup to assist in job description.

Village must look to Inverness to attend incidents if Fort Augustus officers are busy. Cllr JF encouraged committee to insist of police attendance if it was needed. Current police procedures and enforceable by-laws need to be clarified.

5. Treasurer's Report

No significant transactions.

6. Correspondence

Speed Survey – Les Houlker sent results of survey from both before and after erection of speed activated signs. Reduction in speed from both directions. Colin Ross is taking over this responsibility following Les Houlkers retirement.

Ward Manager – Charles Steven is replacing Louise McCaul as Ward 13 Manager.

Council Election – Dores Community Council has 12 seats.

Loch Ness Marathon – letter thanking village for help and support for event.

Scottish Water – meeting in Town House 16 Nov 5.30pm with update on plans and investment in this area.

Ward Forum – Beauly Nov 4th

7. Planning

JM offered committee prior notification of application for agricultural shed on his land.

8. LEADER application

Still awaiting confirmation for consultant funding - was originally through Discretionary Budget but now a separate LEADER application. Committee agreed that Dores Community Trust should be approached if funds are not forthcoming from LEADER. There will be a public 'drop-in' session on Nov 8th for any queries/comments.

LEADER enquiry application has been submitted for warden position.

9. Community Council Elections

Nominations due in by 5pm 9th November.

Council is in a positive position as there are currently over 12 members.

If over 12 nominations election will be on 9th December.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

11. Next meeting to be called by Returning Officer (December)