

## DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Present:** Ruairidh MacLennan (RMacL); Ella MacRae (EMacR); Ruth Seaton; Angus Maclaren; John Hedger; Steve Feltham; Duncan Manson; Roslyn Mackay; Gordon Scott; John Martin (JM)

**Apologies:** Iain Cameron; Anna Williams

**Chair:** Clare Cuthbertson (Returning Officer)

Returning Officer thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the new committee members. There were 12 nominations for the 12 places on the Community Council and hence no need for an election. 10 of these members were present and two had submitted apologies. There were 2 nomination papers received after the deadline and these papers had to be rejected.

Nominations were taken for new office bearers:

Chairman: Ella MacRae - proposed by Ruairidh MacLennan; seconded by Graham Scott

Secretary: Ruairidh MacLennan - proposed by John Martin; seconded by John Hedger

Treasurer: Iain Cameron - proposed by Ella MacRae; seconded by Ruairidh MacLennan

(IC had already intimated to Returning Officer his willingness to stand)

Vice Chairman: John Martin - proposed by John Hedger; seconded by Duncan Manson

As all posts only received one nomination each the posts were duly elected as above.

Ella MacRae took the Chair

## **Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm**

Since the election EMacR has been dealing with matters as they have arisen and these will be covered later in this short meeting.

It was agreed that there would be 9 meetings plus an AGM during the calendar year – secretary (RMacL) will issue a list of dates. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings.

EMacR introduced and welcomed the two new members – Ruth Seaton and Angus MacLaren to the Community Council.

### **LEADER grant application**

To update the committee on this application. Clare Cuthbertson was appointed as Consultant with some subsequent Project Management Responsibilities. There was a community open session on 8<sup>th</sup> November and full application was submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> November for a total expense of £98,000 with 90% funding. The LEADER committee were meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December to decide if bid was successful. If bid is unsuccessful we will re apply for 60% funding and look for additional grant awarding bodies to assist. This application is Phase One. Phase Two will be for the Beach Warden post.

### **Highland Council Review of Community Councils**

Highland Council are conducting an extensive review of Community Councils and seeking to clarify and standardize their responsibilities and procedures. The background to this consultation can be found at: <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/yourward/findyourcc/>

and the actual draft document is at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/094568EB-B603-4B42-8C0A-2420FF9A61C3/0/DraftSchemePhasethreeConsultation.pdf>

The Committee are urged to read the document and email their responses to EMacR, JM and RMacL asap. It will be discussed at the next meeting on **24<sup>th</sup> January 2011** so that a full

response can be submitted to Highland Council by their deadline of **31st January 2011**.

### **Rockness**

Letter received from Joe Gibb stating that payment for 2010 Rockness will be in order of £24,600. Also suggesting a revised payment of 80p per ticket sold up to 25,000 tickets and £1.20 per ticket thereafter. Committee agreed. Ticket allocation for locals will remain the same. Main entrance will be moved further away from village which will ease noise problems. EMacR will write to Joe Gibb and get acknowledgement of new payment format in writing.

### **Correspondence**

Letter received from J Wotherspoon looking for support against the proposed Druim Ba Wind Farm. Committee did not feel that this was a matter that unduly affected village.

### **AOCB**

**Ness Castle Lodges** - JM reported that the proposal to demolish cottage and rebuild at Ness Castle Lodges had been withdrawn. JM requested that he be approved to write to D Polson reiterating that he still had not received a copy of the Traffic Management Plan. EMacL will contact D Sutherland in the first instance.

The Chair advised the Committee that the Secretary should be informed of any items for the Agenda should **prior** to the meeting so that office bearers can obtain any additional information necessary to speed up business.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 at 7.30PM in DORES PARISH HALL.**

