

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 18th April 2011 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae (Chair)(EMacR)
 John Martin (Vice Chair) (JM)
 Iain Cameron (Treasurer) (IC)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Roslyn MacKay (RMack)
 John Hedger (JH)
 Graham Scott (GS)
 Ruth Seaton (RS)
 Angus MacLaren (AMcL)
 Anna Williams (AW)

In Attendance: Cllr Margaret Davidson (cllr MD)
 Cllr Drew Hendry (Cllr DH)
 Cllr Helen Carmichael (Cllr HC)
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary) (CC)
 Sarah Hartley

2. Apologies: Ruairidh MacLennan (RMaL), Duncan Manson (DM), Cllr John Finnie

3a. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of 7th March were accepted with following alteration: SF will clear up beach rubbish but does not require payment.

Proposed: Anna Williams Seconded: Iain Cameron

4a. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Scottish Water – EMacR has advisory leaflets from Scottish Water and these will be distributed with RockNess Flyer in next week or so.

Housing Needs Survey - Report ready – awaiting valuations on selling private plots.

Aldourie Castle - Access - ongoing.

Action: RMaL

Broadband – Generally broadband speed now improved. Cllr DH passed leaflet *Broadband*

Community Toolkit to JH for consideration.

Action: JH

Traffic Calming – ongoing. Cllr MD will discuss situation with Colin Ross

Action: Cllr MD

Ness Castle Lodges entrance – JM will check on works and report back. Online access to planning matters proving inefficient and incomplete

Action: JM

Speed Warning Sign both now operational

Safe Routes to School – Definitive route now established. Need to clarify position on parts requiring double fencing and gates for livestock.

Planning for Real – ongoing. www.planningforreal.org.uk Urgent need to identify areas to be earmarked for 'Future Community Use'. JM to send letter highlighting that we have such sites and that actual details to follow after local meeting. Cllr MD to contact Tim Stott (Highland Council) for clarification of what Community Council need to do.

Action: JM, Cllr MD

Druim Ba Wind Farm – www.druimbasustainableenergy.com – councillors encouraged to look at website. See also www.druimba-sayno.com. in order to get other views. Impact will be seen from top road - there are planned to be 26 turbines – each twice height of those at Farr.

3b. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of Leader meeting of 24th March were accepted

Proposed: Iain Cameron Seconded: Steve Feltham

4b. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Fencing – Duncan Manson hoping for completion by end of May. Will need local volunteers to remove existing fencing. Cllr MD requested to be kept informed as Council are part funding fencing at Torr Gardens. **Action:DM**

Bus/Cycle Shelter – IC to check if council can repaint as well as reglaze bus shelter. Quotes for platform to be obtained- concrete base Samples of cycle shelter designs available. **Action:IC**

Landscaping – paint wall and replanting ideas – will be by volunteer workforce. **Action: CC**

Benches – Ruairidh Campbell looking into design options

Play Areas – Need to utilise Highland Council contacts – now via John Taylor (Ian Reid off sick). Much more consultation required.

Signage – Village Sign Roddy Ross has been pulling ideas and possible contractors together. Need to consult with Highland Council regarding designs and positioning.

After Dores rejected DLN proposed signs they will not install one at Dores – could re introduce it at a later date if village changes its mind.

Signage – Information signs – no progress at this time.

Signposts – in village. Cllr MD has discussed replacement by Highland Council of plethora of signs in triangle in village and has received acknowledgement that bilingual ones would not be insisted upon.

3c. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of 24th March were accepted

Proposed: Iain Cameron Seconded: Graham Scott

4c. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Village had one applicant for Development Officer post – Sarah Hartley, who comes recommended both from previous Highland Council and Leader work. Community Council will respond to her in next couple of days.

Rockness – Rockness have agreed to limit time extension to 3am just for Saturday night – though most of ‘nearby’ locals did not object to extension from 2am.

New layout for 2011 shows area moved a little further away from village and event will have just one main tent this year.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Nothing to report this month.

6. Correspondence

Nothing to report this month in RMacL absence

7. Water, Sewage and Roads

Nothing to report this month

8. Planning

Nothing to report this month

9. LEADER and Beach Warden

Propose titling suggested new post as a ‘Ranger’ not ‘Warden’.

Next leader deadline is in May – need form submitted this week with letters of support to follow.

11. AOCB

SF reported that the Gala Committee had a meeting recently and is looking for new members. Suggested a report goes onto website. **Action: SF,JH**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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Next meeting Monday 30th May 2011 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall