

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th January 2012 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae , Chair (EMacR)
 Ruairidh MacLennan Secretary, (RMacL)
 John Hedger, Treasurer (JH)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Duncan Manson (DM)
 Graham Scott (GS)

In Attendance: Cllr Drew Hendry
 Cllr Hamish Wood
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary)

2. Apologies: Gavin Finlay, Roslyn MacKay, Duncan Manson,
 Cllr John Finnie, Cllr Fraser Parr, Cllr Helen Carmichael

3. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Amendment : Item 3....Cllr DH offered to assist in **investigating** a binding contract.....

Proposed: Ruairidh MacLennan Seconded: John Hedger with above amendment

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute/AGM minute:

Affordable Homes Site (Housing Needs Survey) – detailed letter received from Ronnie Macrae (SCHT) about several options for possible development. RMacR will come to next meeting 27th Feb. General support from community Council for project. Details to go to Dores Trust Board to decide if will provide financial support feasibility study.

Aldourie Castle - Access - Core Path Plan now implemented. Access Management Plan for Castle area still to be finalised.

Action: RMacL

Litter at Midtown – Check if resolved.

Cycle signs – Cllr Hamish Wood to be supplied with details of locations

Roads – Community Council have received plans for village road alterations but these are still not detailed enough. Cllr DH will follow up. Also request a visit from Colin Ross.

Action: EMacR

Speeding – ongoing. Request feedback from Cllr Margaret Davidson

Action: EMacR

Constitution – Hard copies of Constitution and Code of Conduct to be given to each committee member.

Action : RMacL

Fish Farm – new staff car park in place. Community Council still seeking clarification regarding current position of cages and planning ruling.

Action: RMacL

Water, Sewage, Roads – Cllr DH intimated that Community Councils should now be informed of maintenance schedule in advance by TEC services. Will advise dept of this councils concerns.

*R MacL wrote to Scottish Water before Christmas – there are still serious issues with sewer backing up and flooding residential areas at southern end of village.

Action: RMacL

*Offlets along Dores Road still blocking up, causing flooding

*Flooding problem at foot of road to hall now resolved.

Cllr Drew Hendry left meeting

Ness Castle Planning – Update from John Martin for next meeting.

Action: EMacR

RockNess – Debrief meeting in village to be requested.

Action: RMacL

Invitation for local person to carry Olympic Torch not taken up.

Dores Inn – New plans not yet submitted to Highland Council

Knocknagael –. Update from John Martin for next meeting

Action: EMacR

Millcroft Flooding – No problems this winter

Beach – meeting re public use of beach/bay outstanding. Ward Manager to do. **Action: Cllr HW**
Loch Ness Marathon – Following village concerns organisers will redraft marathon notices and maps for next year and show to Community Council before publication.

5. Treasurer's Report – JH had meeting with Sarah Hartley to clarify cashflow of LEADER project with Trust.

6. Correspondence – SCHAT Newsletter; HC - Managing floodrisk; community care Forum newsletter; HC - Community Council training (all individual council members **should** have received a copy – several members did not)

7. LEADER – meeting from 15th December to be circulated.

8. Water, Sewage, Roads

No new points raised

9. Planning –

Torbreck – to look at John Martin's plan to demolish and replace with 1 1/2 storey house
Meg Gore's old house – Mr & Mrs Cairns - council looked at plans to replace house with 5 bedroomed guest house. No objections.

10. Dores Community Development Trust Representatives

Two reps from council must represent Council and not personal views at Trust meetings. If they cannot attend can Community Council send a.n.other instead? Also request logo from Trust asap to use in LEADER project.

11. AOCB

Danella Ross requested list of Community Council meeting dates.

Ronnie Macrae from SCHAT will attend next meeting.

RMacL need to purchase a new community council printer.

Now a Facebook page attached to village website.

Cllr HW commented that the new bus shelter at Castle Road had been well received.

New bus service by Stagecoach – not linking well with other services (i.e.to hospital etc) In general concern that if extra runs are not used or they will be axed. Concerns to be expressed to HC.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting Monday 27th February 2012 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall