

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 9th July in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

- 1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae, Chair (EMacR)
 John Hedger, Treasurer (JH)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Graham Scott (GS)
 Roslyn MacKay (RMack)
- In Attendance:** Cllr Margaret Davidson (Cllr MD)
 Sarah Hartley (LEADER Development Officer)
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary)
 2 members of the public
- 2. Apologies:** Ruairidh MacLennan, Secretary, Duncan Manson (DM)
 Cllrs Hamish Wood, Fraser Parr, Drew Hendry, Helen Carmichael,

3. Election of Committee - Returning Officer Clare Cuthbertson took the Chair and the following were nominated and seconded unopposed and have been duly elected into post:
 Chairperson: Ella Macrae (Proposed: Steve Feltham, Seconded: Ros Mackay)
 Vice Chair: Gavin Finlay (Proposed: Graham Scott, Seconded John Hedger)
 Secretary: Ruairidh MacLennan (Proposed: Steve Feltham, Seconded: Ella MacRae)
 Treasurer: John Hedger (Proposed: Ella MacRae, Seconded Graham Scott)

(R MacLennan and G Finlay not present but both had intimated their willingness to stand)

Chairperson Ella MacRae took the Chair

Accounts for 2011-12 have now been independently audited and signed by Shona Fraser and Clare Cuthbertson. Approved by Ella MacRae and seconded by Graham Scott. Accounts can now be sent to Highland Council

3. Adoption of Previous Minute (16th April): Proposed: John Hedger Seconded: Steve Feltham

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute/AGM minute:

Aldourie Castle - Access - Chair has spoken to Roger Tempest and an official request in writing has gone to him for an Access Management Plan available. **Action: RMacL**

Cycle signs – and new SLNTG signs still being hidden by overgrown vegetation. New sign need for new section cutting out Aldourie Brae. **Action: Cllr MD**

Speeding – Community Council to email Mike Stevens (copy to Cllr MD) to get action on safety audit and firm up plans for village as a whole **Action: RMacL**

Fish Farm – Enforcement Officer confirmed that the fish farm is exceeding its remit in that plant is too far out into loch. Nicola Drummond to be asked to follow up **Action: Cllr MD**

Ness Castle Lodges Planning – new extension plans been deferred. Community Council to write letter to HC to reinforce concerns over safe access/egress from property. **Action: RMacL**

Beach – Some positive feedback from recent article in Inverness Courier highlighting litter problem on Dores beach. Waste Management Team have installed new bins but these are not being emptied regularly enough and are often overflowing. Council will get Alan McKinnie to Dores for an on-site discussion and illustration of the problem. Meeting between Ward Manager/Landowners/Emergency Services and Community Council re public use of beach/bay scheduled for Thurs 26th July 2pm Dores Village Hall

Newsletter – ongoing. Needs more input from locals. Add article about time capsule placement into new Dores Beach sign. **Action: SF**

Essich Voters – Ongoing discussion at Highland Council re boundaries – ward boundaries do not coincide with community council boundaries. Some parts of Essich are currently in Lochardil Community Council and some are in Dores & Essich Community Council.

Scottish Water – Meeting has taken place in Dores with Cllr MD and Sc Water – now awaiting feedback. It appears that there has been a problem in alignment of some fittings and that the problem has now been diagnosed – but not necessarily cured as yet.

Planning – John Martin's proposal postponed at present.

No response from Planning Dept about delays in responding to requests.

Big developers signs for Loch Ness View are now removed.

Transport Scotland refused permission for signs off A9 to Dores and Foyers.

Games Lodge at Ness Castle currently deferred.

5. Treasurer's Report - Telescope funds still to collect from Iain Cameron.

Loans from Development Trust still going through.

Cover note on accounts stating that these loan funds do not belong to Community Council.

6. Correspondence -

-NHS Highland Annual Event 'Quality in Action' 5th September 2012

-Charrette Event with Highland Council engineers about landuse around proposed new west link road 7.30pm 3rd September at Culduthel Church. www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/news

-Forestry Commission - Forest Management Strategy in Great Glen about Steep ground harvesting. (SF to attend)

-Triathlon in late August looking for volunteers to man water stations (see JH)

7. LEADER report by SH -

Play area in Torr Gardens will be reviewed re safer access – costings to be obtained.

Shoreline sign is ready to install with time capsules.

Information board – draft supplied at meeting. Will be emailed to community council members for feedback. Decide on laminate or engraved detail?

Now have quote for third entrance sign on top road down to Dores and approved by Leader.

Funders signs to be followed up.

Painting etc on hold due to poor weather conditions.

All LEADER work should be complete by end of September.

8. Water, Sewage, Roads - Dores Road – road repairs not satisfactory – to be followed up.

Collapsed wall near roundabout caused by one of large delivery lorries from RockNess event.

9. Planning - Submission of plans for new one and a half storey house at Cullaird by Angus MacLaren. (Mrs Davidson took no part in following proceedings). There will be a new entrance to give improved sight lines. Council to write in support of application. **Action: RMacL**

Gavin Finlay joined meeting (with apologies for late arrival)

11. AOCB

Youth Club Hut – report that it had been used by a visitor to area. GF confirmed that it was no longer repairable in any event and the Youth Club were looking into it.

Fireworks – Angus MacLaren reported that Ness Castle had been having fireworks with no warning causing cattle distress. Better communication between event staff at Castle and local landowners/community council required.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

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