

## DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

#### 1. Members Present: Ella MacRae, Chair (EMacR)

Ruairidh MacLennan, Secretary (RMacL)

Duncan Manson (DM) Steve Feltham (SF) Graham Scott (GS)

#### In Attendance: PC Aros Matheson (Northern Constabulary)

Sarah Hartley, Clare Cuthbertson (minutes)

1 member of the public

#### 2. Apologies:

John Hedger, Gavin Finlay, Roslyn MacKay,

Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Helen Carmicheal

#### 3. Adoption of Previous Minute (14<sup>th</sup> January 2013):

Proposed: Duncan Manson Seconded: Ella MacRae

#### 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Aldourie Castle – Ongoing

Fish Farm – Ongoing, but N Drummond confirmed that farm was not operating within designated area. Enforcement not yet instigated. To pursue.

**Action: R MacL**

Roads – Mike Stevens (HC) will look at 'smiley face' repair; aware of sign clutter at triangle; will check leylandii obstruction; will look at situation re Ness Castle entrance re safety. Richard Evans (HC) has replied (to Cllr MD) re plans for traffic calming plans in Dores – after rejection of HC proposal in early 2012 no further plans have been drawn up and they do not have it as a priority. However this contradicts Dores' residents' concern about traffic speeding through the village and continued need for an improved proposal together with sufficient time to consider it.

No meetings have been had with HC over last 9 months.

**Action: R MacL**

Winter Resilience - Ongoing.

**Action: R MacK**

Water Sewerage, Roads - All action points complete

Planning — Site meeting this week at Ness Castle Lodges with Gary Johnston (architect) Mr Sutherland (Owner), Cllr MD (EMacR unavailable to attend) to look at access problem.

Church of Scotland – proposed graveyard extension. Ongoing

**Action: EMacR**

Loch Ness View – possible problem with church burn. Ongoing

**Action: EMacR**

Community Services - assistance with gardening/firewood. Awaiting forms

**Action: RMacL**

Litter Pick – planned for March. Will need appropriate forms

**Action: EMacR**

#### Police Report

PC Aros Matheson read out a report from Northern Constabulary about effect of amalgamation of force into a single unit effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

Principal effect is that **all** call handling will be centralized and units will be despatched by central office. In meantime PC Aros Matheson can still be contacted on old direct number.

#### Call 101 for ALL non emergencies

Call 999 for ALL emergencies (as existing).

*PC Aros Matheson left meeting*

#### 6. Correspondence -

- Inverness East District Partnership (NHS/HC) Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March 3-5pm

- Northern Meeting Charitable Piping Trust – seeking information about Piping in Highlands

<http://www.northernmeetingpiping.com/about.html>

**Action RMacL**

- ARCH Highland - pass to Alan Findlay

- Provision of Geological Interpretation by Alison Martin. Too late for LEADER project

- SSE Consultation for a Greener Future – pass to Gavin Finlay

- IRA New school campus. Community Engagement Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. **Action: SH with Aldourie School Parent Council**
- Half Marathon 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013. M Sutherland requesting additional road closure from Holm roundabout to Torbreck Road 12.45-1.30 with diversion via Essich Road/Loch Ashie. Notify Dores Inn
- SSE. New substation at Farigaig. Public Consultation Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April at Stratherrick Public Hall 3-7pm. Important for Dores to get some Planning Gain such as upgrading lay-bys, improving roads. It is unclear which roads construction traffic would use. SH to write with concerns and apply for more information. Closing Date for consultation is 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Scottish Water. Update on road closures on B862 (also distributed to households)
- Inverness Leisure (CCLL Ltd) are looking for applicant to fill Non Executive Trustee position on Board. Should be a previous business owner or held senior position in large organisation.
- Fields in Trust (FIT) formerly the National Playing Fields Association – looking for support and nominations for a 'Queen Elizabeth Field' which would give selected location lifelong protection. SH to look into this as a possibility for Village Football Pitch.
- CC Evaluation Scheme – one year on from new elections there is a questionnaire to complete. Community Council members to respond by email. **Action: RMacL**
- Elections – Polling Booths to be in Village hall. No concerns.

**6. Treasurer's Report** - No additions since meeting.

**7. Water, Sewage, Roads** – No further points

### **8. Planning**

Ness Castle Lodges application will be considered in 2 weeks. Community Council not willing to withdraw objection

### **9. AOCB**

RockNess – New site layout supplied. 2013 Event to be smaller in area and capacity (more like first event). Times to be same as 2012. Lorries to use same entrances/exits as last year (i.e. away from village). VIP area as 2012. Community Council still in talks regarding financial contribution and to hold short meeting prior to public meeting.

**Public Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7pm. All welcome**

LEADER – SH received final claim form and hopes to submit in April.

Shoreline play equipment has passed annual HC assessment but could do with re painting and this may be done under LEADER funding.

Planters for bus stop area now ordered.

Interpretation Board - final copy ready; finalising wedge shape. Will be fixed in situ shortly.

Entrance sign on top road delayed due to weather but complete soon.

Awaiting invoice for additional work at play park

Funder signs on benches etc may be moved at a later date

All final worksheets to be submitted asap for work 'in kind'

SH now finalising photos for a presentation of all work completed under LEADER.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

**Next meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall**