

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2013 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

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

Ruairidh MacLennan, Secretary (RMacL) John Hedger, Treasurer (JH)
Duncan Manson (DM) Steve Feltham (SF) Graham Scott (GS)
Ros MacKay (RMack)

In Attendance: Cllr Drew Hendry (Cllr DH), Cllr Margaret Davidson (Cllr MD),
Clare Cuthbertson (minutes)
1 member of the public

2. Apologies: Gavin Finlay, Cllr Hamish Wood, Sarah Hartley

3. Adoption of Previous Minute (25th February 2013):

With following amendment – that Litter Pick was not planned for in March, just hoped for.
Proposed: Duncan Manson Seconded: Ruairidh MacLennan

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Aldourie Castle – Ongoing

Fish Farm – Ongoing. Need to request an enforcement. Also to write to fish farm about debris coming ashore at Dores and unsightly area at farm visible from Dores beach. **Action: R MacL**

Roads – No progress re traffic calming proposals from Council - **Cllr DH** offered to pursue this.

'Smiley face' at Dores repaired. A good stretch of wall on Dores Road also repaired, but wall debris still poses a danger to traffic/cyclists/pedestrians - **Cllr MD** offered to look into this.

Winter Resilience - Ongoing- need to ensure plans in place for next winter **Action: R MacK**

Church of Scotland – proposed graveyard extension. Ongoing **Action: EMacR**

Loch Ness View – possible problem with church burn. Ongoing **Action: EMacR**

Community Services/ Litter Pick - will come to a meeting to explain what services they can offer the community.

SSE – Cllr MD went to meeting. Substation will be size of 2 football pitches in area at top of Inverfarigaig corkscrew road. Concern about how it will affect road traffic through Dores.

Requesting that Lisa from SSE attend a meeting in Dores **Action: EMacR**

5. Correspondence

-Forestry Conservancy Office – application to fell behind Torr Gardens. Information now available on website.

-Colin Barber proposal for tourist boat trips on Loch Ness – want a pontoon/mooring at Dores. Passed to Iain Cameron.

Cllr MD arrived

-Inverness Civic Trust – next meeting 16th April re forming a committee. Anyone welcome. Needed as lack of any community council in city

- Knocknagael Fam planning – very early stages for their proposal, not at planning stage.

-DCDT Newsletter

-DCDT has agreed to partially fund defibrillator at beach by £300 and suggested Community Council might contribute £100 – Agreed. (total cost £900) balance is met by supplying charity.

Dores Inn will install and organise electricity supply. In relation to this committee also to consider obtaining a lifebelt – liaise with Dores Inn. **Action: RMacL**

-Highland Council re Community Council accounts

-Alan Findlay reporting plaque on McBain memorial has been removed.

-Police on twitter feed at **invernesspolice** and you can find your local ward by clicking your position on the map found on website: www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/highland-and-islands

-Happy Tours Bike Hire pleased to hear about alternative Scanport route to Dores.

6. Treasurer's Report - attached. Bill in for use of Hall for meetings- to be paid. Also, bill from Council re community share of new fencing. Latter be paid once LEADER funding is in (currently facing some delays)

RMack arrived

7. Water, Sewage, Roads – No further points

8. Planning

Cllrs DH and MD took no part in these proceedings

Mary Finlay presented plans for an external stair to property for separated access to upstairs flat. No objections.

9. AOCB

RMaL will be resigning as secretary at AGM. No one on current committee to stand so Chair has offered to approach two members who failed to get in at last election and ask if one of them would agree to be co opted onto committee and act as secretary. Action approved by Charles Stevens.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Next meeting is AGM and will be on
REVISED date of Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall**