

## DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

**1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae, Chair (EMacR); Gavin Finlay (GF); Sarah Hartley (SH); John Hedger (JH); Duncan Manson (DM), Steve Feltham (SF)

**In Attendance:** 2 public members: Roddy Ross (RR) and Iain Cameron (IC) plus 2 guests

**2. Apologies:** P.C. Aros Matheson, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Drew Hendry, Angus Maclaren.

### **3. Etape Loch Ness –Malcolm Sutherland, Caledonian Concepts Ltd.**

Malcolm fed back on issues raised at a meeting held earlier this year (which none of the CC could attend). Key areas to be addressed for next year are: date of event, road traffic management, community benefit, visitors. Suggestions that event takes place one week earlier. To check school holiday dates. Discussion around whether community benefit could be targeted towards finishing off the Scanport/Inverness cycle route/publicity around the existing route to encourage use of. Need to find out where things stand currently on this extension.

**Action SH**

*Malcolm Sutherland plus 1 colleague left meeting*

### **4. Adoption of Previous Minute (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014):**

These were adopted at the AGM held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:**

Church of Scotland –email Ward Manager for progress/update required **Action SH**

Litter up the hill – Email Environmental Services to alert/discuss **Action SH**

Throw in buoys – Problems finding equipment required and with speaking to RNLI.

RR offered to look into this

**Action: SF/RR**

Japanese Knotweed – weedkilling done – landowners to continue to address

Signs – all now renewed

Trucknessie – no contact from Jackie regarding the event. Some reports of noise nuisance on Friday evening. Marshalling needs improving to prevent access outwith main gate and ticket point, should the event be held again. Email to be sent to Jackie

**Action SH**

Community Turbines – Development Trust to decide whether to take this forward (meeting Wednesday this week)

Beast race – No contact from Paul Corrigan since last meeting. Email to be sent to request update on questions raised at last meeting. Also some member of the community have not received letters. Letter to be put on website.

**Action SH /JH**

### **6. Correspondence**

Loch Ness Marathon - to be held 28<sup>th</sup> September. Traffic change notifications to be put on website

Community Resilience Day – SSE at Black Isle Showground 30<sup>th</sup> August 11-3.

Highland Military Tattoo – Fort George 5-7 September (flyer to go on notice board)  
National Planning Framework – notification of final documents  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/planning](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/planning)

### **7. Treasurer's Report**

JH presented report. Now in a position to repay due amount to Development Trust. (Agreed) All LEADER payments now received. JH will provide spreadsheet detailing LEADER spend in due course. Beach fund is getting low. **IC and GF** to look at coin mechanism on telescope

**Action JH**

### **8. Planning and Development**

2 applications noted

### **9. Water, Sewerage and Roads**

Still problems with water on the road between Dores and Holm. Check with Cllr Davidson for progress.

**Action SH**

### **10. Paws @ Dores**

No comments received on this event. All appears to have gone well.

### **11. War Memorial/Church**

Roddy Ross (RR) came to update the CC on progress to date. Looking into what is required and then will apply for funding. Still pulling together information on names to go on.

### **12. LEADER**

Final payment received. Meetings have been arranged for feedback but these have always been at short notice and no-one has been able to attend. Questionnaires (again sent with very short timescales) are being completed.

**Action SH/EMac**

### **10. Parking**

Council have received several voices of concern about illegal and dangerous parking in the village especially on 'good weather' weekends. Occasions when bus has been unable to access the village and cars parked dangerously close to (even on) junction. Email to go to Ward manager to ask for him to convene meeting with TEC's, Police and the Community

**Action: SH**

### **11. AOCB**

South Loch Ness Trail - Iain Cameron advised that costings have now been identified and funding is being looked at for the trail through Dores. Claire Cuthbertson has stood down as Minute Secretary. Sarah will now take on this role. The Community Council expressed their thanks to Claire for all her hard work.

**Next meeting**  
**AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall**