

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 27th January 2014 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present:

Ella MacRae, Chair (EMacR); Gavin Finlay, Vice Chair (GF); John Hedger, Treasurer (JH)
Graham Scott (GS)

In Attendance: Sarah Hartley, Correspondence Clerk (SH);
Clare Cuthbertson, Minute Secretary; 4 members of the public

2. Apologies: Steve Feltham, Roslyn MacKay, PC Aros Matheson, Cllr M Davidson

3. Adoption of Previous Minute (2nd November 2013):

Minutes approved with the following alteration/addition to item **8. Planning** – as regards the Local Dev Plan.

Comments(to be) submitted are as follows:

1) The area marked on the plan at DO1 are not congruent to the boundaries with adjoining ownership. The area is significantly different to that discussed by the Community Council and HSCHT for the development of housing. In addition this land is for mixed development of affordable housing with plots for self build.

Changes to the wording of section DO4: Uses: Community Use only as opposed to 'sports pitch'
Remove the wording 'non-permanent changing facilities', replace with 'Any built development limited for community use'.
Proposed: John Hedger Seconded: Ella

MacRae

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Small Communities Housing Trust – Hard copy of the Community Impact Assessment to be distributed to members of the CC by end of January. **Action: E MacR**

SSE Open Afternoon on 27th Nov attended by 5 members of public. CC have information for any more who wish to view it. Other sessions have also been held locally

Fish Farm – Meeting with Cllr M Davidson and Nicola Drummond 28th Jan. Request map to show place and time of cage movements proposed. John Macleod has sold fish farm.

Winter Resilience - Equipment not yet arrived – to chase **Action: RMacK**

Church of Scotland – Jeff Fridge (Cemetery Admin Office) keen to progress with graveyard expansion. Talk to Ward Manager, Charles Steven **Action: SH**

Roads and Signs – No progress on signs – some queries with Council are 4 years old. HC have staffing problems. Need to chase Richard Evans for plan to progress. **Action: SH**

Throw in buoys – No progress **Action: SF**

Safety Signs – now up

LEADER – Ongoing issues with 'in-kind'. CC noted that Dev Trust keen to recoup loan funds.

Bus shelter clearance– Community Services will assist

Aldourie Castle – Plans for access now submitted and seem to show high level of access

5. Correspondence

Policy Dept of Council re Census Profiles

Advice in dealing with representations in advance of planning meetings (SH to email to JH for website)

Feedback from Traffic Warden Review. Police will enforce parking rules

Proposed National Planning Framework details to go on website

Rural Parliament – details to go on website

Funding request – IRA student with Blythswood seeking funding to help give Romanian children a holiday. Student not in CC area - request denied.

Great Glen Ways Guide re accommodation and services

Highland Council re Public Entertainments Licence – passed to GF for Hall Committee

6. Treasurer's Report

Funds from RockNess 2013 now in bank account. To go to Dev Trust once cleared.

Expenses – webhosting.

Income - from Pottery House (guests) towards DLN initiative – to go to Beach Fund.

Still need to sort new signatories. Register for online banking in May.

7. War Memorial

Roddy Ross and Donnie MacIntosh looking at installation for new war memorial – possibly at old petrol pumps. Current memorial (arch at Dores Parish Church) does not list WW2 and any subsequent names of those killed in action.

More research need into those names missing and some action to have them recognised during this year of remembrance. Also discuss options with Cllr M Davidson and Ward Manager. Stewart Wardlaw. (Roddy Ross)

Consider restoring existing memorial and adding names. Photos of original supplied by Iain Cameron.

Note that grants currently on offer are for restoration and not new memorials.

Any action would need to go to Old Parish of Dores for consultation.

8. Membership and Communication

Guidance from HC (as in Constitution) is that members must attend meetings regularly and may have to stand down in 3 or more consecutive meetings are missed.

SH would like to establish preferred methods of communication for each member to assist in attendance and action feedback for meetings.

CC agreed to fund new software to ease this for SH.

9. Planning and Development

Information is not being forwarded by HC. Need to follow this up.

Action: SH

Loch Ness View – Cllr MD meeting 28th with residents to clarify tree planting requirements.

Also road needs to be adopted as there are now 6 houses, 2 with 'granny annexes' (i.e.8 dwellings) plus one more house about to be built. Write to TEC services.

Action: SH

10. Water, Sewage, Roads

Drainage of road at Loch Ness Lodges bend is inadequate and causing dangerous conditions.

Letter to go to all Bike Hire companies to encourage use of cycle paths rather than main B862

Action: SH

11. AOCB

South Loch Ness Trail – many fallen trees on section Inverfarigaig to Foyers.

Police Report – no serious accidents or incidents

RockNess – announcement to be made in 10 days about 2014 event

South Loch Ness Tourist Group – planning a Litter Pick Sunday 23rd March. Will have bags and litter pickers available for use by local community for additional areas. JH and GF to liaise.

Scam emails- via Dev Trust website. JH will resolve.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting - Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall