

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th August 2010 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: John Martin (Acting Chair) (JM)
 Iain Cameron (Treasurer) (IC)
 Ruairidh MacLennan (Secretary) (RMacL)
 Duncan Manson (DM)
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Anna Williams (AW)
 Iain King (IK)
 Graham Scott (GS)
 Gavin Finlay (GF)

In Attendance: Cllr Margaret Davidson (Cllr MD)
 Cllr Drew Hendry (Cllr DH)
 Cllr Hamish Wood (Cllr HW)
 Helen Morgan (AWS)
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary)
 1 member of the public

2. Apologies: Ella MacRae (EMacR)
 Roslyn Mackay
 Cllr John Finnie; Cllr David Henderson

3. Adoption of Previous Minute:
 Minutes of 5th July 2010 were accepted as read
 Proposed: Iain Cameron
 Seconded: Ruairidh MacLennan

AWS - The Chair invited Anne Morgan to speak on the AWS trials on Loch Ness: The unit on Loch Ness is a 1/9th scale model of a device to capture wave energy and has been on the Loch for approx 2 months. Was taken off the Loch during RockNess because of safety issue and is currently off for refit. Unit will be back on Loch in October for a further 4-6 weeks and then possibly back again early next year. Results are good so far. Full scale test will not be carried out on Loch Ness. Some concern that a consistent approach as regards use of the Loch must be maintained but Council are supporting this project. There has been much interest from potential investors and MPs etc and AWS propose to hold a public information meeting in Dores for locals and all interested parties from further afield. (Helen Morgan left the meeting) **Action:GF**

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:
Neath Birches - should be open in October. No date for open day as yet. **Action: RMacL**

Loch Ness Marathon - need to supply more toilets. Quintin Stevens (Dores Inn) will speak to Malcolm Sutherland.

Roads - Les Houlker unable to attend this meeting- will attend next one In September. Speed sign at Dores still not working. Cllr DH reported that Northern Constabulary will be conducting more traffic enforcement between Inverness and Foyers. IK suggested use of

chicanes. Cllr MD reported that funds are available for speed control measures. Some discussion about if there should be a 40mph intermediate zone before 30mph. **Action: JM**
 Ness Castle Lodges- Jim Harbison (Highland Council) reported that there are no conditions in planning permission forcing gates to be left open. Cllr MD will speak to David Sutherland to request that gates be left open. JM to check planning papertrail. **Action: JM,Cllr MD**

Beach Safety -IC priced lifering/belt etc at £260 but has negotiated £60 discount. Will need an additional two quotes. Postpone action as this will come into Village Leader Application.

Scottish Water - GF has had some discussion with Scottish Water who did not have a detailed record of complaints, details of blockages etc. to support their need for action. **Action: GF**

Village Improvement Project - Funding is now available for person to present application on behalf of village. Total project will be £50-60,000. Will also be a separate application going in for 2 wardens to work along Loch Ness between Foyers and Dores.

Housing Needs Survey - A feasibility survey is underway. No date for HSCHT surgery in the village for local consultation until survey complete.

Flooding at Millcroft - Jim Harbison (Highland Council) contacting developer and looking for an onsite meeting. AW will attend on behalf of Millcroft residents. **Action: Cllr MD**

Aldourie Castle - Access

Still awaiting reply from the Reporter at Scottish Office regarding all access routes including loch side in front of Castle grounds.

Access Issue Report - Working Group recommending 2 part time wardens to monitor and police this and will come in Leader Funding application. **Action: Working Group**

Firebreak - no contact yet. **Action: IC**

Grit Bins - on agenda for Les Houlker

Beach Cleaning - Kyla Finlay has done well and charged just 20 hours. She will be away soon and IC looking for a.n.other to take over at least until wardens are appointed. Roger Tempest not yet approached. **Action: IC**

Rockness - Ella MacRae making a report on this year's event to RockNess. Also date for debrief needed. **Action: RMacL, EMacR**

5. Treasurers Report:

Bank balance stands at £3286, £1000 of which is allocated for playing field and beach

Cycle Route - Cllr HW welcomed this scheme. Survey all but complete and final routing to be decided.

Development Trust invites two Community Council members onto their board. Graham Scott is on and we need a.n.other. **Action:RMacL**

6. Correspondence:

The Secretary tabled the correspondence received.

Correspondence from Peter Peacock MSP about improving local broadband service. Some funding is available. Local groups need to co-ordinate an application and consider best options.

Action:

Cllr MD

7. Water Sewage and Roads - no report

8. Planning - no new planning applications received

9. AOCB

Jet Skis - Cllr DH clarified that jet skis are banned from launching from the beach. However this is proving difficult to enforce. Similar problems elsewhere and Council would like to get a copy of actions and responses from similar situation at Loch Lomond. Village must be consistent in its approach with other boats. Council accepted Dores Inn proposal to draft up a new (larger) sign detailing 'Bay Rules'. Inn will finance this project.

Action: Cllr DH, Quintin Stevens

Dores Gala - SF re iterated request for donations to Bottle Stall and for volunteers on the day.

Dog Fouling in Play Area - Cllr DH has had public reporting this problem to him at surgery.

Cllr MD (with SF) meeting with Dog Warden on beach this week.

Action: Cllr MD, SF

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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