

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held on 30th May 2011 in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

1. Members Present: Ella MacRae (Chair)(EMacR)
 John Martin (Vice Chair) (JM)
 Iain Cameron (Treasurer) (IC)
 Ruairidh MacLennan (secretary) (RMacL),
 Steve Feltham (SF)
 Roslyn MacKay (RMack)
 John Hedger (JH)
 Graham Scott (GS)
 Angus MacLaren (AMcL)
 Anna Williams (AW)

In Attendance: Cllr Margaret Davidson (Cllr MD)
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary) (CC)
 Sarah Hartley
 3 members of public

2. Apologies: Ruth Seaton
 Cllr Drew Hendry, Cllr John Finnie, Cllr Helen Carmichael

3. Adoption of Previous Minute:

Minutes of AGM 24th May 2010 - Proposed: Anna Williams Seconded: Iain Cameron

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:

Improvements at Aldourie School - in progress.

Village website – excellent resource, thanks to John Hedger

Committee – after election in Nov 2010 three people co-opted at 2010 AGM are now full members.

Highland Small Communities Housing Trust – village does not have anything in writing on outcome of housing feasibility study. IC reported that the housing scheme to south of village is reliant on selling some private plots. Steeper areas of land may need additional survey.

Request Ronnie MacRae from HSCHT to attend next committee meeting.

Items on Leader, Playpark and Local Plan will covered later in minute.

5. Chairman's Report

Community Council have had a busy year with two Leader bids in - firstly for £2000 to put together second main bid for £96,500. These bids are complicated and full of details and conditions.

The village traffic calming system has been partially successful though 'smiley faces' do keep having technical problems.

There has been the usual problem of dog fouling, potholes on the road and sewage outflows.

This latter problem has been addressed by Gavin Finlay and EMacR with Scottish Water and an advisory leaflet has been distributed. However there is a need for a follow up letter from the Community Council to clarify the problem and preventative actions that require to be taken.

The Chair thanked the office bearers and the councillors especially Cllr MD for all their assistance over the past year.

6. Treasurer's Report

Accounts were presented to the meeting. The Community council basic account has a surplus of £77.02 for the financial year. However accounts look more complicated as there are Restricted Funds for Leader and Rockness to take into account this year.

Hall hire costs of £378 include 2009 costs.

Telescope income is diminishing (£146 compared to £383 in 2009) – partly as machine keeps jamming and regular servicing costs of @£150 are prohibitive.

Beach cleaning @ £130 has been successful, after a bad spell earlier in the year. IC noted that beach does need winter maintenance as well as summer cleaning

The accounts were then accepted as read: Proposed: Ruairidh MacLennan
Seconded: John Hedger

7. AOCB

I Rockness

a) New method of ticket allocation mostly accepted.

b) Lorries still driving into village – some complaints but lorries will only be in village short term while tracks are being laid in fields.

II New Constitution

Dores will probably go from 12 to 8 members. To be discussed at next Committee meeting.

III Co Opting

After Nov 2010 election Gavin Finlay and Annette Munro would both like to be co opted as affiliated members – but will have no voting rights. There will be a further election in November 2011 for just 8 places on Council and the quorum to hold meetings will be three.

Cop-tion proposed by EMacR and seconded by JM – passed.

IV Housing and People Conference by TPAS and HSCHT Aviemore 9th and 10th June

About the role for housing in communities – good for how to get schemes up and running; energy efficiency etc. Sarah Hartley offered to attend on behalf of Community Council.

V LEADER Update

a) New fencing in village (arranged by Duncan Manson) in progress by Just Fencing. Total cost approx £12,000. Community cleared old fencing. Some grass seeding and planting required to complete job. Cllr MD will apply for match council funding as agreed.

b) Signposting – Sarah Hartley update:

-Arranging a site meeting with TEC services for village sign.

-Spoken to Dores Inn re lectern sign about Loch and Dores.

-Liaising with DLN about lectern sign at bus stop about footpaths etc

-Photo Opportunity sign – suggest on long 'legs' by burn and slipway. Possibly two sided so boats have a 'Welcome to Dores' sign. Metal as in Fort Augustus?

-Beach Rules sign – to assess and replace/upgrade existing sign.

c) Playparks – Sarah Hartley update:

Beach : Dores Inn have plans for development which are affecting village plans. Need site visit with EMacR. Possibly relocate park further along beach - to discuss with landowners. TEC services to be kept informed as need to approve any new equipment.

Torr Gardens (front): Looking at wooden equipment. Geared to slightly older children. New swings and possibly add 'balance board'. To check council will continue to maintain.

Torr Gardens (back): Perhaps add goals in existing fenced area.

Millcroft : Install low level equipment.

Sarah Hartley left meeting

d) Cycle Shelter – Two options. IC and Gavin Finlay will decide which is best visually and cost-wise, will obtain two full quotes and order shelter asap. Groundwork quotes to be obtained from Iain Fraser and Gary Falconer.

e) Bench ideas and pricing still to complete - Ruairidh Campbell

VI Other –

Community Broadband Toolkit-not relevant to Dores (JH) But register on community website to help us get BT Infinity Faster Broadband.

Monster Swim – 13th August. Will be using playpark area. Check community website

Signage – Request from public to get signs saying ‘Dores’ and ‘Foyers’ off the A9, at Inshes slip road. Also note that trees are obscuring signs there at present. Cllr MD will check position.

Dores Community Trust – Need Parish Boundary Map to delineate area for benefits. EMacR can supply.

Litter – problem of black plastic flapping at Midtown – RMacL will write to farmer from Community Council

Cycle signs – replace stolen signs? Delay in implementation of cycle way. RMacL to contact Cllr Hamish wood for progress update. Safer routes to school also still in progress.

Local Plan – JM outlined current village ‘envelope’ on Local Plan which is now updated every 5 years. Envelope to be extended with current proposal to south of village and also possible development in field beyond Millcroft.

JM and EMacR met with Tim Stott (Principal Planner, Highland Council) to look at potential for Dores declaring an ‘Area for Community Use’. This would ‘protect it from other types of development’. Area next to playfield and opposite Drumashie Lodge up to Millcroft has been suggested. (approx. 200m wide and 300m along road). Community agreed that a request for this should go to Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (RMacL) requesting no development this side of the road. Also a note that area to south of village is zoned for housing. <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/planning/developmentplans/localplans/imfldp.htm>

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting Monday 11th July 2011 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall