

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 12th November in Dores Parish Hall 7.30pm

- 1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae, Chair (EMacR)
 Ruairidh MacLennan, Secretary (RMacL)
 Gavin Finlay (GF) Duncan Manson (DM) Steve Feltham (SF)
- In Attendance:** Sarah Hartley (LEADER Development Officer)
 Clare Cuthbertson (Minute Secretary)
 1 members of the public
- 2. Apologies:** John Hedger, Cllrs Margaret Davidson, Helen Carmicheal, Hamish Wood,
 Drew Hendry, Fraser Parr
- 3. Adoption of Previous Minute (1st October):**
 Proposed: Gavin Finlay Seconded: Ruairidh MacLennan
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:**
- Aldourie Castle – Stuart Easthaugh will submit revised access management plan but is looking for feedback from Community Council, previous landowner and also from Access Group
- Cycle signs – Ongoing. EMacR liaised with Transerv. Neil MacRae (Highland Council) getting signs for new section of path by school
- Speeding – Ongoing. GS to clear branches obscuring sign. **Action: GS**
- Fish Farm – Ongoing **Action: Cllr MD**
- RockNess – Figures were correct – anomaly arose due to Mumford & Sons appearing on Fri night causing increased sales for that night. Jim King currently negotiating new three year deal with village in light of current economic climate
- Roads – Highland Council have no budget this year for Dores' road improvements but community requesting proposals to be made and finalised so that work will not be delayed when funding becomes available. Mike Stevens (HC) suggesting chicanes as in Balloan Road.
- Marathon – still some signs on Does to Foyers road to be removed **Action: RMacL**
- Buses – Ongoing. Request better notice re changes and add to website **Action: R MacL**
- Destination Loch Ness – feedback from JH at next meeting
- 5. Treasurer's Report** – None
- 6. Correspondence -**
- NHS briefing
 - Scottish Natural Heritage
 - Inverness Area Council Forum ,Town House 7pm 20th November re Roads (EMacR attend)
 - Highland Council consultation about Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)
 - Highland Council Scheme re Winter Fuel payments (to be posted on website & noticeboard)
 - Highland Senior Citizens Network – information to be passed to J Jappy
 - Crown Estates Scotland Bulletin
- 7. LEADER report by SH -**
- Play Area – Council agreed to re instate side entrance for prams/wheelchairs etc and will not construct ramp at front entrance.
- Village Sign - Third sign – Will be completed soon.
- Funders Sign – many are now in place and stonemason will add to entrance signs
- Bus shelter – options presented.
- Dores Interpretative Sign – presented for approval

If there is money available from original budget SH will apply to have play equipment by beach sanded and repainted

8. Water, Sewage, Roads –

- Highland Council to be contacted to request date for when Millcroft road to be adopted.

9. Planning – none

10. AOCB

- EMacR - Highland Council to be approached to improve Christmas Tree from last year- better lights. To consider approaching DCCT for funding for new lights for 2013?

- GF – Could Dores consider a New Year Event similar to that held for Millennium – Music and Dance outside?

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting Monday 14th January 2013 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall

Proposed meeting dates for 2013 (will also be available on website)

25th February

15th April

3rd June (AGM)

15th July

2nd September

21st October

2nd December