

## DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 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) John Hedger (JH) Rozlyn MacKay (R MacK)
- In Attendance:** PC Aros Matheson (Northern Constabulary)  
 Cllr Drew Henry  
 1 member of the public
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Helen Carmicheal

**3. Adoption of Previous Minute (12<sup>th</sup> November 2012):**

Proposed: Ruairidh MacLennan    Seconded: Ella MacRae

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute:**

Tree Branches – Graham Scott has removed branches obscuring speeding sign south end of village.

Aldourie Castle – Representation has been made to HC access officer to allow him to respond to Castle's Access Management Plan.

Fish Farm – Ongoing, not heard anything further from planners or enforcement officer.

**Action: R MacL**

Roads – Highland Council TEC Services not responded to request for options for traffic calming measures in Dores village.

**Action: R MacL**

LEADER – Ella to meet Sarah Hartley to review position and sign off Leader work. **Action: E MacR)** Iain Cameron commented that funding signs on the benches are quite obtrusive visually and asked if they could be placed on the back of the benches. John Hedger said that the large wooden gate by the top play park had fallen down.

Winter Resilience – Rozlyn MacKay to contact HC and act as CC contact. To request grit bin for bottom of hall road.

**Action: R**

**Mack**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- Accounts were presented to the meeting.

**6. Correspondence -**

- Local Policing Priorities Questionnaire

**7. LEADER**

Update for next meeting after Ella discusses signing off with Sarah Hartley.

**8. Water, Sewage, Roads –**

- Public road between Laggan and Ness Castle dangerous due to roadside dyke stones and branches falling onto road. **Action: R MacL**

- The 20 mph sign at the School is not working. **Action: R MacL**

- The smiley face at north end of village not working. **Action: R MacL**

- Gavin Finlay mentioned the need to get TEC Services out to de-clutter road signage in centre of village. It was suggested that the tree on the traffic island was a hazard as it restricted visibility splays at the junction. To issue list to TEC services of action points requiring attention.

**9. Planning** – Ness Castle Lodge – application for minor works but agreed to object on the basis of unresolved access issue. Made previous representation in respect of the new access being dangerous due to the bell mouth being too shallow. Agreed to re-submit these concerns to HC planners. *Note Cllr Drew Hendry was not present during this part of the meeting*

Awaiting details of proposed sub-station near Torness from SSE.

#### **10. AOCB**

- EMacR to contact Church of Scotland re necessity for graveyard extension.
- Loch Ness View – problems with mound of earth by the Church Burn which runs into the loch, SEPA have been contacted as has the planning officer to investigate position.
- Community Services – offer of help with firewood and gardening for pensioners.
- Secretary – R MacL reminded the CC that he steps down as Secretary at the AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> June and a replacement will need to be found.
- PC Matheson has been asked by Forestry Commission to follow up complaints of roadside timber being stolen, particularly along South Loch Ness. He stressed that he intended to public this issue and clamp down on it. It is an offence to take logs from roadside timber stacks or fallen wood within woodland areas.
- Litter Pick – need to get a litter pick carried out, build up of rubbish in the area. Iain Cameron said that there was a particular problem with people throwing out empty cans on the road above the village. Suggested that a litter pick be organised for March.

#### **Action: E MacR**

- Cllr Drew Hendry – will try and make it along to more of our meetings, has been busy in new position within Council over recent months.

**Next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm in Dores Parish Hall**