

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting

Held Monday 12th January 2015

Dores Parish Hall at 7.30

1. **Members present:** Ella MacRae(Chair), John Hedger (Treasurer), Sarah Hartley (Secretary), Angus MacLaren, Steve Feltham, Duncan Manson
Plus 10 members of the public, Sgt Craig Stuart
2. **Apologies:** Gavin Finlay (Vice-Chair), Cllr Margaret Davidson
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – accepted as a true record
Proposed: SF, Seconded: EMcR
4. **Matters arising from the minute of the last meeting**
 - a. Church of Scotland
Cllr Davidson agreed to progress this on behalf of the CC
 - b. Etape Loch Ness
Malcolm Sutherland & Morag returned to the meeting. Maps made available showing route (JH to put on website). Planned for 26/4/15. Approx 3,400 planning to take part (last year 1,200). Shortened lengths brought in to reduce road closure time. Local needs will be accommodated where possible, but people are asked to inform where these are required. Improved communication between event security and locals planned.
Working with local tourist groups on community benefits. Striving for 100% local marshals on the road, at feeding stations, registration etc. Donations will be made to community groups/charities.
Information leaflets to be delivered a few weeks before the event and via other media starting this month.
 - c. Parking
SH read out Mike Stephens's email – to press John Taylor for timescale. CC to draw up tasks list for action. Proposed 'twenty's plenty' to be raised with Road Safety cc Cllr Davidson
 - d. Winter Resilience
SH to chase. (Items have now been delivered)
 - e. Vulnerable local people
EMcR has visited all vulnerable local people to check that they all have someone to call on during winter months.
 - f. Buoys
Need ordering – Ella to do this.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. Letter received from Strathnairn CC thanking the CC for not supporting the turbine proposal.

6. Treasurers Report

JH presented accounts to date. Noted

7. Police Report

Sgt Stuart gave police report.

EMcR raised issue of collisions on Scaniport bends. CC wish to know whether these are logged under Inverness. Issues around flooding and the removal of crash barriers @ West Lodge. Stats for last 2 years requested.

8. Planning & Development

- a. Susan Hunter to be invited to attend next meeting
- b. Clarification sought by SH on issues over boundary & area of plan to rear of Parish Hall in order to submit to the Reporter. Agreed that flexibility was required as opposed to increased numbers – ability to place private purchases to fund the scheme. SH to feed to Reporter.

Duncan Manson left the meeting

- c. Planning application @ Strone Cottage – no comments. CC supports the application – will release property for sale.
- d. Traffic management plan at Ness Castle East – latter stages of planning consultation for 89 properties of 980 property development. Safer route to school is along road where no pavement exists and on a 60mph blind bend. It was requested by a member of the public that the CC raises an objection with THC cc Holm CC

9. Water, Sewerage & Roads

Need an update from Cllr Davidson regarding

- Verges
- Drainage
- Adoption of Loch Ness View

10. AOCB

Lisa Marchi (SSE) to be invited to next meeting to discuss recent proposals to the Beaully Denny line.

Meeting closed 9.20.

Dates of meetings for 2015

Mon 2nd March 2015

Mon 13th April 2015

Mon 25th May 2015

Mon 29th June 2015

Mon 24th August 2015

Mon 5th October 2015