

DORES & ESSICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting

Held Monday 6th October 2014

Dores Parish Hall at 7.30

1. **Members present:** Ella MacRae(Chair), John Hedger (Treasurer), Sarah Hartley (Secretary), Angus MacLaren, Steve Feltham
Plus 3 members of the public, Cllr Margaret Davidson, P.C. Graham Prentice.
2. **Apologies:** Gavin Finlay (Vice-Chair), Cllr Hendry
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – accepted as a true record
Proposed: SF, Seconded: JH
4. **Matters arising from the minute of the last meeting**
 - a. Church of Scotland
Further to a recent THC meeting, Cllr Norrie Donald has requested a full report as to why the cemetery extension has been dropped off the list for progressing. Cllr Davidson agreed to progress this on behalf of the CC
 - b. Litter
It was acknowledged that THC have removed the litter as requested and have agreed to check again in the spring and monitor over the summer months. It was reported that there is already further littering.
 - c. Buoys
A supplier has been identified and we are awaiting authorisation to proceed from The Rotary Club.
 - d. Community Turbines
The Development Trust has decided not to proceed with the proposals for the investment in the turbines on the basis that Strathnairn CC have objected and therefore concluded that we could not support.
 - e. Etape Loch Ness
Minute of their last meeting made available.
 - f. Japanese Knotweed
Iain C has addressed this this year and has offered to continue with spraying this year.
5. **Parking**
Members of the CC and others met with THC to discuss options for improving the parking in the village. It was agreed to go ahead with the following proposals.
 - i) Church car park to be used as over-flow car parking. Posts to be installed to designate bays. Also adjustable sign to ensure that car park can be made private for church use.

- ii) 'Residents Only' sign for Torr Gardens does not appear to have received support from residents and will therefore not go ahead. P.C. Prentice suggested a 'Twenty's Plenty' sign for the area.
- iii) White bar lines to be put across all private entrances and across the entrance to the Dores Inn.
SH to confirm this with THC and to request that plan is implemented.

6. Correspondence

Budget Consultation

THC are consulting with CC's over proposed budget cuts. SH to draft response outlining gritting/grass cutting and education as main areas of concern.

Cross- Country event

The event as last year is planned for 29th November and CC support the running of this event.

Criminal Justice Service

Feedback form received regarding work of CJ Team in the village. EMcR to complete and return with positive response.

Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference – Annual Report made available

Winter Resilience

Volunteers names put forward for insurance purposes. SH to return to THC

7. Treasurers Report

JH presented accounts to date. Also LEADER financial information.

Proposed: EMcR, Seconded: SH

8. Planning & Development

Local Plan – Land to the South of the Parish Hall

THC have not made amendments as requested by CC and the case is in front of The Reporter. SH (with Iain C) to request that the objections from the CC are also to be submitted to the Reporter. There is also no note of affordable housing. There are also inconsistencies with the number of properties allowed for in the submitted plan. SH to contact HSCHT to ask them to attend next CC meeting.

Airvolution Energy

It was agreed that it was not necessary to invite to the next meeting as the proposed windfarm will not have significant impact upon the area.

SSE Denny to Beaulys line

There have been significant changes to the original plan. Need to keep up to date.

9. Traffic Management

Sochich Bends

There has been a marked increase in the number of HGV's travelling through the village as a result of these works and tree-felling. The timber harvesting is due to be finished in the next month however Sochich Bends are due to remain closed until Mar 2015. Cllr MD to approach THC/Contractors regarding repairs to the roads on completion.

10. Water Sewerage & Roads

Flooding to footpath at Torr Gardens. It was noted that clearing of the culverts and ditches was required. EMcR to liaise with Alan Johnstone
It was also noted that permanent solutions to water/flooding are required on the Dores to Inverness road.

11. Police Report

Stratherrick and Foyers CC have also raised the issue of lorries and the Police have spoken to contractors regarding speeding. There have been no anti-social behaviour/alcohol related reports made in this period with the exception of one non-resident disorderly. There have been no theft/poaching incidents reported. Warning given about doorstep traders in the area particularly in relation to driveways and roofing works.

12. AOCB

It was agreed to invite someone from Transition Black Isle to speak at the next meeting. JH to arrange.

It was also raised that we should consider whether there are any vulnerable people in the area that may need assistance during the winter period.

Meeting closed 9.10.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th January 2015, 7.30