

Draft Minutes

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 18th April 2016

1. **Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), John Martin (Secretary), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Hayley Ross (Minutes Secretary).

Members of the Public: One

Apologies: Lorien Cameron-Ross, Duncan Manson and Cllr Davidson.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Correction:

8.2: In order for CC to hold status of statutory consultee during an application for planning permissions you must formally apply within **7 working days** from the date the list is published (this is generally a Friday).

Pro: AM **Sec:** IC

3. **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

3.1: Fish Farm Planning: JM provides update from Nicola Drummond. Last year prior notification was given to move nets within the planning. Although residents do feel nets appear further out than then they should be. It has also transpired that the sites planning permissions are limited to only the applicant at the time, this being the previous occupier therefore Marine Harvest do not have the correct planning permissions. **Action:** To monitor for planning application and apply as statutory consultee.

3.2: White lines at The Dores Inn: Application for extension of the solid white line at the junction outside the Dores Inn to prevent parking. **Action:** Still awaiting.

3.3: Torbreck Road closures: Completed

3.4: Current recommendations around affordable housing in new developments: No further developments.

3.5: Planning policy changes regarding self-catering and tied-house workers: No further update.

3.6: Database letters collating email addresses: IC provides update, poor response so far. List of unfilled entries passed back to allocated council members for one last push in gathering information.

3.7: CC members holidays: Information requested with regards to CC members not being present for. It is acceptable to use Skype, facetime or similar application as long as there is visual media as well as audio.

3.8: Freeview: Still reports of poor service. JH to provide update.

4. **Local Events:**

4.1: Dores Outdoor Event- Out door event was held on the 26th March 2016. No complaints or issues have been noted.. Another event has been planned for the 2nd July 2016.

4.2: Etaph Loch Ness- 24th April 2016

4.3: Groove- 20th August 2016. Organisers will be in attendance at the CC meeting on the 6th

June 2016.

5. **Roads:**

5.1: Ness Castle development: Prior to occupancy of the new developments a 30 mile an hour speed limit was meant to be introduced to parts of the Torbreck and Essich roads to improve safety for pedestrians. JM has written to the council to highlight this and no indication has been given as to when this will happen. It is to the CC understanding that funding for this was provided to the council. Action: JM to write to Provost Helen Carmichael, Cllr Davidson and Allan Henderson.

5.2: Notification of traffic lights coming into operation on the A82 from the 18th April between 7am and 7pm. This may increase traffic volumes on the B862.

5.3: Ducks: It is noted that there has been fatalities of the ducks in the road and swerving as they cross the road. Suggestion brought to the CC of duck warning signs to warn road users. EM has contacted John Taylor and it may be possible, however the council wouldn't fund this. For community to consider.

6. **Community Energy Scotland Report:**

Information provided by EM. Community Energy Scotland are setting up a small working group to look into the introduction of a small biomass system in Milcroft and funding applications. JM and IC to join and represent CC.

7. **Correspondence:**

7.1- Loch Ness Scenic Routes: Suggestions of viewing points have been forwarded to the CC. Action: To forward to Adam and John Hedger.

7.2- Event Notification: Ride Across Britain. Cycle event taking place between 10th and 18th September 2016. No further details provided.

7.3- City Arts Consultation.

7.4- Superfast Broadband: Residents can now enquire with regards to availability and in some cases apply.

8. **Police Report & Speeding results:**

8.1: Police speed survey results: Survey results from October 2015. Results show a huge number of vehicles speeding through the village on a daily basis. The majority are between 30 and 40 miles per hour but a proportion are in excess of 40 miles per hour. The worst times of day are 9am-11am and 4pm-5pm. This is raising concerns for pedestrians and other road users. Police have been more present in the village doing speed checks. Cllr Davidson has been sent results. Action: JM to write to Cllr Davidson and Allan Henderson expressing wishes to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village. Discussion over various traffic calming measures.

8.2: A community questionnaire was circulated to CC members and road safety was highlighted. It is raised that there isn't a straightforward way of contacting local officers particularly in non-emergency situations. It is suggested that if a text number was provided then direct contact could be requested.

8.3: Police report given by JM.

8.4: Air Guns/Rifles. Licensing changes will be in effect in the future.

9. **Treasurers Report:** Given by IC.

10. Planning & Development:

10.1- Dores War Memorial Restoration: No update.

10.2- Small Housing Project: No update from Charles Stevens regarding this. EM and Scottish Water to liase and look into funding. Action: EM to request update.

10.3- Graveyard Extension: Church of Scotland trustees are looking in to this. Awaiting update.

11. Water & Sewerage:

11.1- Scottish Water Development: Some concerns raised over the development. Including distance from the village and disruption to residents during the development. Action: to await plans and consultation.

12. Community Trust Report- Still awaiting.

13. AOCB:

13.1- Scottish Hydro Farigaig Substation: EM, IC and JH are part of a liason group. No notifications of meetings have been received as well as minutes and agendas. Meeting on Thursday 21st April 2016 in the Dores Hall. Action: EM to contact regarding correct contact information.

13.2- Football pitch gate. Gate at the football pitch is to be repaired. Gate has been ordered and arrangements for installation will be made.

13.3- Secretaries duties: £200 to be paid for minutes and secretary duties. To be reviewed next year.

13.4- Inverness Half Marathon: No notification was given to residents regarding road closures. Action: JM to contact organisers.

13.5- Etaph: Businesses and farmers feel organisers were late to contact regarding disruptions to road use. To discuss with organisers at the next meeting.

13.6- Events at the Dores Inn: 28th May 2016 Kilt ride from Edinburgh will be camping in the football field and 16th July 2016 a bike show will take place in the football field.

13.7: CC members. Currently looking to recruit CC members. Please contact EM or come along to a meeting.

Meeting Closed at 2115hrs

Date of the next meeting 6th June 2016