

Draft Minutes.

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 6th February 2017

Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs.

1. **Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Sarah Hartley (Secretary), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Simon Pillatt, Hayley Ross (Minutes Secretary). Co-optee: Jeannette Murray

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Margaret Davidson.

Representatives in attendance: Malcolm Sutherland (Etape).

4 members of the public

Apologies: Lorien Cameron-Ross, John Martin, Duncan Manson, Cllr Jean Davis and Cllr Helen Carmichael.

2. **Co-opting of Community Council member-** Simon Pillatt is a proposed new member of the Community Council. **Pro: SH Sec: IC**

3. **Etape Sunday 23rd April 2017- Malcolm Sutherland.**

Following a successful event last year Etape will be held again this year with 5,200 confirmed participants. The event organisation remains the same including the road closures planned. If assistance is required for residents or businesses with traffic movement please contact the organisers. Etape will be working with volunteers again this year including training for volunteers. Etape would like to increase their donation to the communities around Loch Ness to £750 to use as they wish. A member of the public raises the question of whether the race would ever be able to round the Loch the opposite way round to allow for earlier road closures on the South side of the Loch.

Loch Ness Marathon- CC asks organisers to consider the cyclists on the open side of the road during the marathon as they make it very difficult for the road users. Organisers will aim to encourage cyclists to use other routes.

4. **SEPA: Public notice issued-** Application for Authorisation Jacobite Cruises STW Discharge at Clansman Harbour. Sewerage tank to be installed at the Clansman discharging liquid waste. SEPA have responded and inform the CC that water will remain at a safe bathing water standard.

5. **Minutes from the Last Meeting:** 12th December 2017 Are a correct and true record. **Pro: AM Sec: IC**

6. **Matters Arising from the Last Meeting: 12th December 2017**

6.1: Scottish Water & Pumping Station- Notes from a meeting with Scottish Water to be forwarded to CC members.

- 6.2: Litter on the beach & forest-** No update. Reported that there was a good will tidy up day organised by SSE on the beach.
- 6.3: Fish Farm- Ongoing. Action:** To invite Marine Harvest to the next meeting for an overview and to discuss future plans.
- 6.4: Ness Castle Development-** Letter has been sent to the four Ward Councillors. Cllr Davidson reports back that work will be commencing on the footpath soon.
- 6.5: Foot/Cycle path B862-** Cllr Davidson reports that there is already a footpath in place through the Barratt housing. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to speak to Hugh.
- 6.6: Community Broadband-** To continue to monitor local projects.
- 6.7: Community Database-** SH provides update. Following meeting with JM a gmail account has been set up. To input data collected and access usage of the gmail account.
- 6.8: Winter Resilience-** Gavin Findlay has the remaining snow shovels. **Action:** IC to speak to Paul regarding grit for the Village Hall.
- 6.9: Your Cash, Your Fund:** Jeannette Murray updates. Application for grant to fund improvements to the area in front of Torr Gardens and a bench at the bus shelter. **Action:** Send in grant.
- 6.10: Traffic calming:** No update.
- 6.11: Cemetery Extension-** No update.
- 6.12: Parking at Torr Gardens-** New sign has been ordered.
- 6.13: Environmental issues at the beach-** New swings to be installed and improvements are being made to the path. **Action:** EM to approve.
- 6.14: Community Development Trust-** AM provides update. Last meeting held on the 10th January. New office bearers have been elected.
- Chairperson-** Candy Cameron
Treasurer- John Hedger
Application Secretary- Nina Findlay
Members to support with taking minutes.
- 6.15: Jet Skiers-** No update **Action:** EM to discuss with IC.
- 6.16: HSCT-** **Action:** EM to set meeting with HSCT.
- 6.17: Street Lights-** SH has sent email. No further update.
7. **Inverfarigaig Community Project-** No update.
8. **Police Report-** No report.
9. **Telescope-** No longer in the best position. **Action:** Adam Da Silva and Gavin Findlay to discuss new location.
10. **Treasurers Report-** Given by IC. Still holding money for Community Market. Grant awarded and held for War Memorial. Still yet to receive CC grant.
11. **Correspondence-**
11.1: Scottish Parliament- Letter received from **Kate Forbes MSP.** SH to forward to CC members.
12. **Planning & Development-**
12.1: Felling licence application- Iain Cameron. For woods above Dores Hill B862. **Action:** To liaise with local contractors regarding school timings. SH to speak to Alastair MacLeod.
13. **War Memorial-** IC the project is going well. Awaiting response from grant applications.
14. **AOCB-**

14.1: Loch Ness Plinth at the beach- Water has caused some damage and requires some repair work. **Action:** SH to speak to contractor.

14.2: Ground at the Church- Large mass of rubble and ground. **Action:** IC to investigate.

Meeting closed at 2115hrs

Date of the next meeting 3rd April 2017