

**DORES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**  
**Special Meeting**

Minutes of Board Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Dores Parish Hall  
In Conjunction With Dores Hall Committee and  
Dores & Essich Community Council.

1. Present:
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| Iain Hall – Chairperson | John Hedger – Secretary   |
| David Mason – Treasurer | Steve Feltham (CC)        |
| Nina Findlay            | Angus Maclaren            |
| Heidi Seaton            | John Morrison             |
| Gavin Finloay (Hall)    | Ella Macrae (CC)          |
| Iain Maclennan (Hall)   | Claire Cuthbertson (Hall) |
| Fiona King (Hall)       | Shona Fraser (Hall)       |
| Alan Finlay             | Morgan Cowley             |

2. Apologies: Barry Cummin    Lorien Cameron-Ross    Annette Munro

3. Chairmans Opening Statement

Iain Hall opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to start discussions regarding the future of the funds held by the development Trust and in particular their use on either the existing hall or a new hall.

4. Treasurer

David Mason told the meeting that the Trust currently holds just under £165,000. £75,000 in Scottish Building Society, £75,000 in Nationwide and the rest remains in the RBS.

5. General Discussion About The Hall.

Gavin Finlay explained there had been little appetite for a new hall in the past. When asked about maintenance he said there were occasionally small problems, but nothing that couldn't be easily fixed.

Shona Fraser (Hall Treasurer) said there are currently no groups using the hall, it's mostly used by committees and the playgroup, income currently approx. £5,000

The idea of extending the hall was discussed, Gavin Finlay said plans were drawn up some years ago but never progressed. A new location for a new hall was discussed but felt unnecessary as the current site has all required amenities.

Ella Macrae pointed out that other funding streams may become available soon, with other developments being discussed for the area.

It was decided that the best way forward was for the Hall Committee to take up these ideas and carry them forward. Ella Macrae suggested the Hall Committee have a meeting

followed by an AGM, after which community appetite for a new hall or hall improvements could be examined. Gavin suggested that this could be accomplished within 2 months.

#### 6. The “Groove” Concert

Ella explained what was known so far about “Groove”, no moneies for the community this year, Approx 5,000 people. Around 200 tickets would be given to the Community Council and they are yet to discuss there dispersal.

Several people said they knew nothing about Groove, they were informed that it had been discussed at Community Council Meetings and that the organisers were at the last meeting and would be at all future meetings up to the event.

RockNess was mentioned, Ella informed the group that nothing was planned but “The Option IS Still There”.

#### 7. Communities Energy Scotland.

Morgan Cowley said that Community Energy Scotland was a charity to help communities, he wanted to join but they would only accept memberships from Constituted Groups and asked if the Development Trust would join to enable him to access their resources. It was generally felt this was a good idea, Iain Hall informed Morgan that he should make a formal application to the Trust.

#### 8. Building Plot

Steve Feltham suggested the Trusts Funds be invested in a holiday rent on one of the available plots on the affordable housing development next to the hall. It was suggested that Steve progress this idea with plans and bring them to the Trust.

The meeting closed at 20.50, the next formal meeting of the Development Trust will be in approx. 3 months, to give the Hall Committee time to hold their AGM and meeting.