

Draft Minutes.

Dores & Essich Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting.

Held Monday 13th April 2015

Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs

1. **Members present:** Ella Macrae (Chair), John Hedger (Treasurer), Steve Feltham, Duncan Manson, Gavin Findlay (Vice-Chair), Lorien Cameron-Ross (Secretary), Hayley Ross (minutes Secretary) also present 12 members of the public, Sgt. Craig Stuart, Joe Gibbs, Sam Barker and Dougie Brown (Groove).
 2. **Apologies:** Roddy Ross
 3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Accepted as a true record
Proposed: GF Seconded: DM
 4. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:**
 - a) **Secretary Post:** Lorien Cameron-Ross proposed as new secretary following application (no further applicants).
Proposed: DM Seconded: JH
 - b) **Minutes Secretary:** Following advertisement asking for volunteers to fill Minute Secretary post there was one volunteer. Hayley Ross fills the post.
 - c) **Etape Loch Ness:** It is confirmed that a leaflet has been received by residents.
 - d) **Winter Resilience:** There are items ready for bad weather, to be placed near Millcroft and Loch Ness View in due course.
 - e) **Buoys:** Rescue buoys have been ordered and are currently being stored in EM garage. **Action:** To be positioned with consultation from Adam Da Silva, EM and SF.
- Margaret Davidson (Councillor) enters the meeting.**
- f) **Village T.V Freeview channels:** A number of residents have been receiving poor Freeview reception since October. The issue has previously been raised by residents and the reception has not been improved. **Action:** DM to write to Freeview on behalf of the Community Council. MD to continue investigations.
 - g) **Dores Cemetery Extension:** Meeting proposed. No further update.
 - h) **Parking:** To bring in effect of village overflow car park at the church Cllr Dad has been in discussions with John Taylor at the council who has authorized signs for opposite the Inn and the Church. Adam Da Silva requests the sign at the church is double sided. DM to fell trees and small fence to be erected. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to request double sided sign. DM to prune overhanging branches.
5. **Correspondence List:**
 - a) **Mr. Graeme Reid:** Loch Ness View planning application. Please refer to planning and development (Para 6)

- b) **Mr. Iain Cameron:** Community Council Associate members. To be placed on the next agenda.
- c) **Foyers Surgery:** Letter received informing of proposed retirement gathering and introduction to new doctors. Request to CC for contribution to event. SF proposes £100. Agreed as fair amount.
Action: LCR to write to FMP re £100 donation.
- d) Out of Doors in Stratherrick and Foyers: SLNAG proposed improvements to trails around Dores. Issues raised over project lead and funding. Cllr Davidson proposes a consultation to determine demand, access and challenges (anglers, land owners and wildlife).
- e) Carers Network Bulletin.
- f) The Highland Small Communities Trust.
- g) Weekly planning List: 10.04.2015 nothing for this area.

6. **Notified Event in Village:**

Representatives from Groove: Joe Gibb, Dougie Brown and Sam Barker.

Proposed event: 1 day, 1 stage, an initial 5,000 audience capacity, depending on ticket sale growth, confined event with overnight camping to be held on the 22nd August 2015. Within the event arena there will be a bar, food and merchandise. There will be camping from 12 noon on Saturday. The event is strictly for adults only.

General discussion raised concerns from the public with regards to, security and noise levels leading up to the event, the possibility of an exclusion zone around the beach. No confirmation of finishing time. Organisers were asked to consider Foyers and businesses on South Loch Ness during event.

They are hoping to provide a number of complimentary tickets to the Community Council. The Groove committee is happy to receive email requests for people wishing to have stalls at the event. The contact email is info@groovefestival.co.uk

There will be committee representation at community council meetings leading up to the event.

7. **Planning and Development.**

- a) Loch Ness View: further objections to be raised following a new planning application. **Action:** GF letter of objection with regards to Loch Ness View on behalf of the Community Council.
- b) Dores War Memorial Restoration: Iain Cameron on behalf of Roddy Ross presents a scope and schedule of work for the project. Community Council is in support of the project and will look to take £1000 from the LEADER fund. There were various funding options discussed Iain Cameron to lead investigations.
- c) Housing- Apologies from John Martin.

8. **Water, Sewerage and Roads:** Update from Cllr Davidson regarding drainage, potholes and passing places. This has been raised and it has been noted that the road between Dores and Foyers requires attention and that the potholes are particularly prominent closer to the village. JH reports that following reporting to the council a number of repairs have been made. Scottish water to be invited to the next meeting to discuss proposed pumping station in Dores to combat increased water demands for Inverness. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to invite Scottish Water to the next Community Council meeting to discuss pump proposal.

9. **Local Policing:**
Sgt Stuart gave police report.

- Poor road conditions have been noted following winter. Public to continue reporting potholes, road damage and washed away lines.
- Update on Fort Augustus staffing: One post has been filled awaiting a start date, one vacancy remaining.
- Public raised issue of speed of traffic over taking cyclists/runners at blind summits on the Dores road.

10. **School Bus service:** Reports of school children arriving to school late on a frequent basis. EM has raised this verbally. **Action:** LCR to raise this in writing to Charles Stevens.

11. **AOCB**

- a) Flowers- the community council is very pleased with the flowers in the village. To be invoiced in due course.
- b) Housing- Cllr Davidson proposes a stakeholders group to push the mixed housing development. GF to represent the community council. Iain Cameron an associate member.
- c) Roads- poor drainage during heavy rain. On going.
- d) Contact details for community council to be updated on website.
Action: JH.
- e) Meeting date changes 1/06/15 and 6/07/15- Sgt. Stuart and Groove to be notified. **Action:** Committee to be informed EM.

Meeting closed 2120hrs

Date of next meeting 1st June 2015