

DORES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 December 2011 at Dores Parish Hall

Present:

Directors

Louise Robertson
David Mason
Clare Cuthbertson
Candy Cameron
Duncan Manson
Ewan Kingham

Members

Iain Cameron
Moira MacCallum
Heidi Seaton
Betty MacDiarmid
Fiona King
Ruairidh MacLennan
Ella MacRae
Roslyn MacKay
Roddy Ross
Steve Feltham
John Hedger
Lily King

Apologies:

Jackie Paske
Mrs M.Reid
Miss E.Luke
J.Macleod
David Robertson
David Cuthbertson
Mr and Mrs N.Morrison
Graham Scott
Wendy Scott
Iain King
Jan Lyle

1. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the meeting on 29 November 2010 were accepted as being a true record of that meeting, as proposed by Fiona King and seconded by Ewan Kingham.

2. Matters Arising

No matters were raised other than those discussed later in the meeting.

3. Annual Accounts to 31 March 2011

David Mason presented the accounts for the year to 31 March 2011. It was noted that the funds now held on behalf of the community amounted to £124,000 and that the assets belonging to the Trust itself amounted to £2,700.

4. Accountants

The members approved the re-appointment of Frame Kennedy & Forrest as accountants to the Trust.

5. Accountants' Remuneration

The members authorised the directors to negotiate the remuneration of the accountants.

6. Election of Member Directors

In accordance with the Articles of Association Louise Robertson, David Mason and Jackie Paske retired as directors, thus leaving six vacancies to be filled. Valid nominations had been received from Ewan Kingham, John Hedger, David Cuthbertson, Moira MacCallum and Heidi Seaton and these members were elected to be Member Directors. In addition a partially completed nomination form had been received from Jan Lyle. As there were no other nominations, it was agreed that, provided the nomination form was correctly completed, she would also be elected a member Director.

7. Appointment of Community Council Directors

In accordance with the Articles of Association Graham Scott and Duncan Manson resigned as directors. It was noted that the Community Council had nominated Duncan Manson to be re-appointed and Roslyn Mackay to be appointed in place of Graham Scott and these nominations were accepted.

8. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson's report had been circulated with all the other AGM papers and Louise Robertson referred to it and expanded on some of the issues she had raised in her report.

She then opened the meeting to discussion on two important issues which will affect the Trust and the distribution of its funds.

i.) Village Improvements-Second Phase

Ella MacRae reported that the new Community Council will be updated on the plans at their meeting on 15 December by which time all the figures should be available. She also advised that the money to repay the first loan from the Trust had been received from Leader, but that part of it might be needed to pay urgent invoices.

ii.) Affordable New Housing

Following discussions between the Community Council, the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) and Iain Cameron, the landowner, it has been proposed that land adjacent to the village hall be made available for a mixture of affordable and full market value plots. An initial survey, funded by HSCHT and the Community Council, has identified that there is a need in the village for new affordable housing. A basic topographical survey, funded by HSCHT and the landowner, showed that the area had potential but further surveying was necessary to establish exactly what can be built and whether it is financially viable. This will cost £6,300. As evidence of the community's commitment to this project, the Trust has been asked to provide a contribution of £1,500 towards this survey. Following general discussion it became apparent that more information was required regarding the details of the scheme and it was agreed that consideration of this proposal would be a priority for the new board.

9. Any Other Competent Business

i.) Village Hall

Ella MacRae raised the subject of the village hall and its position as a priority for funding by the Trust. After some discussion it was agreed that a decision had to be made soon as

to whether a new hall would be built or the old one refurbished and in the meantime, the bulk of the funds held by the Trust should be retained for that purpose.

There being no further competent business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.