

## **Dores & Essich Community Council**

Minutes of the Meeting

Dores Parish Hall at 1930 hrs

Monday 20th January 2020

**1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae ( Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), John Martin, Colin MacPherson and Anne MacLaren (Minutes Secretary)

Plus 8 members of the public

Apologies: Simon Pillatt (Secretary)

**2. Minutes from inaugural meeting on 18/11/19** – a copy to be sent to Charles Stephens. These were proposed by CM and seconded by JM. **Minutes of the last CC meeting on 2/12/19.** An amendment to add Anne MacLaren to the apologies. These were then proposed by AM and seconded by CM.

Malcolm Sutherland from Loch Ness Etape attended the meeting and commented it was the seventh year of the event being held. This year's date is 26/4/20 and is full with 5,650 entrants. A couple of changes have been made for safety reasons. Again, MacMillan Cancer Support is the key charity. £1.28 million has been raised to date and £283,000 was raised in 2019. A donation will be provided to the community again.

### **3. Matters Arising -**

**3.1 Scottish Water** – no updates to report

**3.2 Affordable Housing** – no updates to report but the land is getting valued along with the cemetery extension.

**3.3 Traffic Calming** – there was a subgroup meeting with the Highland Council. When Scottish Water put in for planning there will be more information. A meeting will be made public in February and everyone will be notified.

**3.4 Cemetery Extension** – as in point 3.2 above

**3.5 Inner Moray Firth Development Plan** – as SP not able to attend this meeting there are no updates

**3.6 Cycle Path Maintenance footpath/Clune Farm – Millcroft** – SP has written to the Factor at Clune Estate but there has been no reply

**3.7 Scaniport Road Safety/Path at Scaniport** – Cllr Davidson not present but a meeting to be arranged with both the Police and Roads Department. Regarding the path at Scaniport SP has sent a map to Alistair Davidson at Bowlts, the Factor of Scaniport Estate and a meeting will hopefully be arranged to discuss on site.

**3.8 Designation of route 78** – JM will check up on any updates.. A planning application has been made to bring forward the timing of delivery of the cycle path from Holm roundabout to Torbreck on completion of the 399<sup>th</sup> house to be occupied at Ness Castle development.

**3.9 Grass Cutting** – no further forward with this and EM hopes to get more information and a quote to discuss with Charles Stephens.

**3.10 ILLI Pump Storage Scheme** – this is now going to a Public Local Enquiry. A reporter will be appointed and those that made representation to planning will be invited to comment. There will be a preliminary meeting and a second hearing.

**3.11 Loch Ness 360** – Graeme Ambrose attended the last CC meeting to speak about the challenge. The community will be informed about the event via mailing list and website. A small poster will be drawn up and displayed.

**3.12 Christmas Tree/Lights** – Duncan, Gavin and Derek were thanked for helping with the tree. The lights were installed by HC and taken down. Further lights may be put up next year.

**3.13 Dores Community Bulletin** – everyone agreed to the bulletin but not out to everyone as yet.

**4. Police Report** – no report received

**5. Planning** – there were no planning applications

**6. Treasurer's Report** – IC handed out the bank report and pointed out £7,899.05 in the Bank. There was a refund from the Bank of Scotland amounting to £1.00 and compensatory interest of £0.59. This will be treated as a donation. John Hedger explained the money paid for website hosting is for an older version of software. A cheque was kindly received from John Hedger amounting to £247 and going towards the beach fund.

**7. Correspondence** –

Chair has been invited by Cllr Davidson to a meeting with various representatives who have an interest in tourism around Loch Ness to identify various projects and needs that would enhance visitors' experience.

**AOCB**

JM commented on the new primary school which is to be built at Ness Castle. He is happy to go to any meetings about this. Also, the question of the bus service provided.

Lorien Cameron-Ross from Loch Ness Spirits provided a statement and expressed concern about legal interactions they are involved in with the "Loch Ness" marketing name.

EM commented in the last year there was a lot happening and lots of meetings with Roads and Planning Departments. A list will be made up to distribute workload and discussed with Cllr Davidson. Everyone is in agreement to take this forward and a date will be arranged.

After thanking everybody for attending EM closed the meeting at 2105 hrs.

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 1930 hrs

