**Draft Minutes.**

**Dores & Essich Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Monday 12th Decmber 2016**

**Dores Parish Hall at 1900hrs.**

1. **Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Iain Cameron (Treasurer), Sarah Hartley (Secretary), Duncan Manson, John Martin and Hayley Ross (Minutes Secretary).

**Councillors in attendance:** Cllr Jean Davies and Cllr Margaret Davidson.

**Representatives in attendance:** Hugh MacPherson (Scottish Water Project Manager), Lachlan Cowan (Jacobs Design), Stuart Morrison (Scottish Water Planning Advisor) and Susan Hunter (The Highland Small Communities Trust Principal Officer).

**Apologies:** Lorien Cameron-Ross.

1. **Scottish Water (Hugh MacPherson, Lachlan Cowan and Stuart Morrison):** Following a drop-in session for residents, responses were given as follows and more information will follow as the project develops and more information becomes available.
* **Disposal of soil:** SW will find out how this will be achieved and work it into the traffic managemnet plan and feed back the information to CC.
* **Cable Laying:** Cables will be run from Holm substation down the Dores Road to the pumping station. Working on the route and aiming to lay the cable 80% off road. More information to follow. It is also confirmed following question from member of the public that this is the best viable option available.
* **Noise:** Will issue report before planning application.
* **School carpark:** Residents ask for minimal disruption to parents and point out that it has an exsting poor surface. Can this be improved?

**Cllr Davidson enters the meeting 1910hrs**

* **Power outage risks:** Will bring in generators if necessary and consider the generators in the noise report.
* **Cllr Davidson requests formal response to planning gain issues. Action:** Arrange meeting to discuss.
* **Time scale:** Will update regarding planning application in January.
1. **Minutes from the last meeting** 24th October 2016 **Pro:** SH **Sec:** EM
2. **Matters Arising:**

**4.1: Litter-** SH has written to Magnus. **Action:** to set meeting to discuss next step.

**4.2: Fish Farm Planning-** Nicola Drummond has responded. Still unclear whether current planning permission applies to current owner. **Action:** Cllr Davidson suggests meeting with Marine Harvest in the New Year to discuss.

**4.3: Loch Ness Marathon/Etape-** Malcolm Sutherland will be at the next meeting to discuss.

**4.4: Bus stop-** Has been installed.

**4.5: Ness Castle Development-** Update from JM. Simon Hindson is referring this to the design unit. Awaiting response. Concerns raised over the time its taking to move this along. Recent accident highleghted importance of a safe route to school when an accident caused a diversion along the Torbreck road. **Action:** Write to local councillors; Norry Donald, Alastair Christie, Jean Slater and Fraser Parr to raise continued concerns.

**4.6: Accident B862-** in the light of a recent accident Cllr Davidson requested information on footpaths from Stuart Eastoff.

**4.7: Communtiy Broadband-**Update IC. Moving along slowly. IC suggests looking at other options in parallel. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to liase with IC regardings possible other options.

**4.7: Community Database-** SH to meet with JM to discuss resolving issue and look into companies that may be able to get it up and running. **Action:** SH and JM to meet to discuss.

**4.9: Winter Resillience-** Plan has been Checked. Gavin Findlay to retrieve shovels for use. GF raises concern of no salt/grit at the village hall. **Action:** SH to speak to CALA to request some from education board. Also to speak to Alan Johnston.

**4.10: Your Cash, Your Fund-** Information has been circulated to local committees. Dealine is 18th February 2017, expect more information to follow.

**4.11: Traffic Calming, Dores-** Cllr Davidson to investigate. **Action**: Ask Ian McGillvery to demonstrate options at the next meeting.

**4.12: Cemetery Extension-** EM gives update. More surveys required and communication withrelevant services. Current time scale is to begin work April 2017 and completion August 2018.

**4.13: Parking- Torr Gardens: Action:** EM to confirm signs have been ordered.

**4.14: Environmental Issues- Torr Gardens: Action:** SH to arrange site visit to discuss. To speak Ron Archer regarding Torr Gardens and Peter Kelly regarding the play park.

**4.15: Community Developmet Trust-** Have held an AGM. To elect 2 members to join Trust. AM and DM to remain.

**4.16: Jet Skiers-** Jet Skiers are launching at the front of Strath Gardens. **Action:** EM to discuss with IC regarding blockages/signs.

**4.17: Bus Route-** SH wrote to Stagecoach. Respnose details there are no current plans to change the route and they would advertie is there were such plans.

1. **Inverfarigaig Community Project:** Information presented by Candy Cameron. This project is a South Loch Ness initiative to develop a community centre. Have made a submission for Stage 1 planning to HIE. Awaiting responses regarding funding. Have selected consultants for project who will meet with the community. Asking for support for this project. Website has been created at **www.farigaigcommunitysteeringgroup.org.**
2. **Police Report-** Not received.
3. **Treasurers Report-** Given by IC. Cheques have been distributed and have donated money for the South Loch Ness maps. Holding Community Market money as agreed. Beach fund is in negative proped that it is included in regular funds. Telescope is no longer in a position for people to use. **Action**: GF to speak to Adam about moving telescope to an agreeable position. SH to apply for CC grant.
4. **Correspondance:**

**8.1: Inclusion Scotland-** New Policy & Engagement Officer.

**8.2: Response from Stagecoach.**

**8.3: Scottish Civic Trust-** My place awards.

**8.4: Onshore Wind Energy-** Supplementery guidance.

**8.5: Proposed route corridor announcement for Beauly-**Blackhillock-Kintore. SSE. JM asks Cllr Davidson for transmission lines.

**8.6: The Crown Estate-** Scotland bulletin meeting was held 10th November 2016. Discussed routes for timber lorries. Timber lorries will use the top roads.

1. **Planning and Development:**

**9.1: Ach-na-sidhe-** Full planning application for house.

**9.2: Mrs Turnball-** Erection of house Essich. Re-applied for planning permission.

**9.3: Aldourie Castle:** Posible future development. **Action:** Cllr Davidson to ask planning office for pre-planning advise.

1. **Water and Sewerage-** Nothing raised.
2. **Matters for discussion:**

**11.1:** The Highland Small Communities Trust- Susan Hunter Principal Officer. Liasing with Scottish Water regarding the area being used for development next to the village hall. Aiming to have area improved for development. Scottish Water have aggreed to put in water/electric and sewage connections. To request full selling. **Action:** To discuss further in the New Year.

1. **Community Trust Report:** Following AGM three office bearers need to be elected. Meeting to elect 10th January 2017.
2. **War Memorial:** IC updates. Basic costs have been done and awaiting completion of grant applications. Work to start next summer if successful. To explore other funding options; LEADER, crwod funding and local residents.
3. **AOCB:**

**14.1: Street lamps-** DM street lamps are being replaced with very bright white light bulbs. **Action:** SH to write to Andrew Matheson to request information on lighting for Dores.

**14.2: Road edges between Dores and Foyers:** Cllr Davidson updates. HC to begin work on the road edges and passing places. More substatial work will follow.

**14.3: Pre-announcment from IC:** IC informs the CC that they in the early stages of plans to build a restaurant in the field adjacent to the Fish Farm.

**14.4: Dates of the meetings for 2017:**

**06.02.17**

**03.04.17**

**29.05.17**

**24.07.17**

**18.09.17**

**13.11.17**

**08.01.18**

**Meeting closed at 2040hrs**

**Date of the next meeting 6th February 2017**