**Draft Minutes.**

**Dores & Essich Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Monday 24th October 2016**

**Dores Parish Hall at 1930hrs.**

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

**Councillors in attendance:** Cllr Jean Davis

**Representatives in attendance:** Const. Craig McIver.

Plus 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Iain Cameron, Lorien Cameron-Ross, John Martin and Alastair Thomson.

1. **Minutes from the meeting 29th August 2016-** A true record.Proposed: SH Seconded: AM
2. **Matters Arising from the last meeting:**

**3.1: Groove Festival-** No further feedback or complaints for the organisers. £1300 was collected from the sale of the community tickets.

**3.2: Scottish Water-** No further feedback.

**3.3: Litter on the beach and forest-** Letters have been sent to land owners. Lavinia (Aldourie Castle) and Adam (The Dores Inn) are happy to support a joint approach. **Action:** SH to contact Magnus to ask for support.

**3.4: Fish Farm-** Nicola Drummond from the planning office has provided update via email. Planning history has been checked and fish farm is said to be within planning constraints. **Action:** SH to request copy of fish farm plans and request details on how long the permission lasts and any conditions placed.

**3.5: South Loch Ness Etape Donation-** £500 to be donated to the hall fund.

**3.6: Jacobite Cruises-** Letter was sent to Freda and reply has been received. The Jacobite Rebel is out of the water for maintenance shortly, they will see what they can do to reduce noise levels from the outside speakers.

**3.7: Church Car Park-** Signs have been erected. To monitor parking.

**3.8: Council Members-** In attendance at meeting. Simon Pillatt to be co-opted on as a Full Member and Jeanette Murray as an Associate Member

**3.9: Loch Ness Marathon-** No update.

**3.10: Loch Ness Scenic Routes Project-** No feedback.

**3.11: Bus Stop Mill Croft-** Awaiting installation of the bus stop by Highland Council.

**3.12: Ness Castle Development-** Letter received from Simon Henderson. Safer route to school is in the design stage. They are working on a route.

**3.13: Community Broadband-** No update.

**3.14: Community Database-**Still no further on with getting the database up and running. JM sends his apologies, he has been unable to work on this due to work commitments. It is proposed that the CC would be best of investing in someone who is able to get the database up and running. Action: SH to look into this.

**4. Police Report: Const. Craig McIver.** No incidents to report.

Matter of persistent speeding raised. Residents are advised to call in any incidents at the time, any regular offenders to be noted down report if there is a particular time of day that motorists are driving in excess of the speed. **Non urgent phone number 101.**

1. **Treasurers Report:** No report.
2. **Correspondence:**

**6.1: Winter Resilience Plan-** CC contacted to request any updates to the plan and if further equipment is required. **Action:** SH to check.

**6.2: Parliamentary Boundary Commission-** Information provided on Inverness and Skye boundaries.

**6.3: Rural Inverness Communities Convention-** Tuesday 8th November 2016 3pm-6pm. SH has the details for anyone interested.

**6.4: Ministerial Engagement Session-** 'Empowering Teachers'. Monday 28th November 2016.

**6.5: Planning Aid Advise Service for Community Councils.**

**6.6: Email ref. Cable plans from Scottish Water.**

**6.7: Gambling Act**

**6.8: Email From John Martin**- Information regarding beat Officers for our area.

**6.9: Scottish Review-** Invitation to mailing list.

**6.10: 'Your Cash Your Fund'-** Information regarding the ward discretionary fund. **Action:** SH to pass on to other local groups.

**6.11: Developmental Plans Newsletter.**

1. **Planning and Development-**

**7.1: Deer fence and gate at Torbreck House.**

**7.2: Discharge Section 75: Coulavie, Torbreck.**

**7.3: 15 houses at Torbreck Development-** It has been agreed 25% of development will be low cost housing.

**7.4: Removal of chapel and erection of sunroom- Darris**

1. **Water & Sewerage-** No matters discussed.
2. **Matters for discussion:**

**9.1: Traffic calming Dores Village-**EM No update yet. Currently working on ideas. **Action**: Open meeting for village to discuss hopefully before Christmas.

**9.2: Cemetery Extension-** Jonathan Hunter from Highland Council has been in contact Two options have been proposed and demonstrated on map. Once a more detailed assessment has been concluded for these options a firm proposal will be made.

**9.3: Parking in Torr Gardens:** EM has spoken to Alan Johnstone and the sign will be reinstated for Residents Parking (no.13-22)

**9.4: Torr Gardens- Environmental issues.** General issues regarding the outside area in front of Torr Gardens including; grass cutting, trees need trimmed, moss degrading path. Also a tidy up required at the bus shelter, flower pots and play area at the beach requires painting. Previously emailed service centre at Highland Council and Cllr Davidson has enquired. Grass cutting has improved, trees and moss yet to be dealt with. Alastair Thomson has renewed flower tubs.  **Action:** SH to raise concerns ref. Environmental issues and copy in Cllrs Davidson and Davis plus Colin Russell. Also letter of appreciation to be sent to Alastair Thomson. CC to fund some extra shrubs and get the children involved in planting them**.**

**9.5: Deloitte Cycle Race:** Raised that community should be better informed in future regarding event information and timings. **Action**- SH to write to Deloitte and David Haas asking to be better informed for future events.

1. **Community Trust report-** AM reports, 7 bursaries have been approved. Community trust to meet with CC to discuss future.
2. **Memorial Update-** No update.
3. **A.O.C.B-**

**12.1: Jet Skiers- Je**t skis have been launched on the loch from the road side. Action: To discuss signage and blockages with IC.

**12.2: Dates for next years’ meetings-** **Action:** To be discussed at the next agenda meeting.

**12.3: Bus Service-** Rumours are circulating regarding possible changes to the bus service. CC wish to seek reassurance there will be no changes. **Action:** Cllr Davis to email SH informing who to contact regarding this matter.

**12.4: Bonfire Night-** Yet to have bonfire and fireworks arranged. **Action:** SH to meet with Adam Da Silva to discuss.

**12.4: Cyclists:** Raised that cyclists were present on the road during the one way closure for the Marathon causing delays. Can this be avoided in future. **Action:** To discuss with Malcolm Sutherland.

**Meeting Closed 9pm**

**Date of the next meeting 12/12/2016**