

## **Dores & Essich Community Council**

**(held virtually)**

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 1945 hrs

**1. Members Present:** Ella MacRae (Chair), Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Simon Pillatt (Secretary), Nikki Perrin (Treasurer), Colin MacPherson, John Martin, Duncan Manson and Anne MacLaren (Minutes Secretary)

Plus Iain Cameron, Councillor David Fraser and Councillor Margaret Davidson

**No apologies received and nothing to declare**

**2. Minutes from last virtual CC meeting on 19/4/21** – they were proposed by SP and seconded by EM

**3. Matters Arising –**

**3.1 Scottish Water** – Cllr Davidson sent a letter to Executive Board.

**3.2 Affordable Housing** – there was a meeting with Highland Councillors Davidson and Fraser, SP, EM and representatives from all Council services concerned and the Church of Scotland. John McHardy, Housing said there is money to buy the land but there is an issue with the oil tank and paupers grave. Housing is ready to move on. Cllr Davidson will get in touch with Hugh Gardner, Project Manager, Bereavement Services, to move this on as this is getting held up. She will chase up this week.

**3.3 Cemetery Extension** – an email was received from Hugh Gardner summarising that the extension will have approximately 480 lairs and SEPA have restricted interments to a maximum of 10 per year.

**3.4 Village Improvement/Traffic Calming** – the village improvement is on hold but there was a traffic calming meeting with the Police and Roads Department. Suggested repaint H bars and extending some of them for vehicles passing. There are bollards in place. Police will come out and check this. If doesn't improve, yellow boxes to be painted at entrances and junction. Temporary car park is currently been looked at.

**3.5 Inner Moray Firth Development Plan** – publication and report has been sent. CM heard Torbreck has now been added. Main Issues Report sent.

**3.6 Scaniport Road Safety** – a report has been received from Traffic Management & Control indicating that 20% of all traffic recorded during the period was travelling at more than 60 mph. CM suggested getting double white lines. An interpretative report is required. Cllr Davidson will email Roads Department and copy CM in to move this forward. CM said results of report are confidential and keep this within CC.

**3.7 ILI Pump Storage Scheme** – it was agreed that JM and CM check the submission from the reporter and prepare a report on the conditions and CC need to examine this per JM. Suggested maybe get a grant for the work to do this. EM happy to go ahead with the extra conditions and report. Cllr Davidson discussed briefly about community benefit with different hydro schemes.

**3.8 Broadband at Scaniport** – CM commented there was good news that households with postcode IV2 6DL and IV2 6DN are both included in the R100 Broadband Scheme. CM to do a section on this for the Dores Community Website.

**3.9 Ward Boundary Changes** – Cllr Fraser sent out an email with the contents really disappointing EM commented this is splitting the Community and final decision is with the Scottish Ministers. Cllr Davidson keen to kick this out and lobby this at Parliament. CM to approach MSPs and representations to be made. He will copy Cllr Fraser and Cllr Davidson in on this. Cllr Fraser asking if Ward name to be changed from South West Inverness to add South Loch Ness. The CC does not support the proposed division of boundary and representations to be made.

**3.10 Dores Beach** – EM commented that 3 rangers have been appointed by the Highland Council and Forestry Commission appointed 2 rangers. They are covering a large area. They have been out in the Dores area and it was suggested if they could join us in our next meeting for a discussion. They are seasonal but is hoped that 1 be kept on over the winter.

Litter pickers are now in place and signs made.

NP to look into buying approximately 20 high viz vests for villagers to wear when out litter picking.

Aldourie Castle have kindly donated 2 fire swatters and water sprayer back pack.

DM approached the Development Trust about funding for the buoys at the beach and they are happy to fund this after some questioning.

**4. Police Report** – this is from 14/5/21 – 14/6/21 – there was a report of a female bitten by a dog in the area at Aldourie Estate. Minor injury was dealt with at hospital and enquiry ongoing.

**5. Planning** – no planning applications

**6. Treasurer's Report** – NP, Treasurer, commented there is currently £6,637.10 in the bank account and £5,561.63 unrestricted funds.

**7. Correspondence** – email received from 2 residents in Dores complaining about inconsiderate parking across their drive meaning they can't get in our out of their property at times and also the volume of parked vehicles on the road making visibility poor at either side of their entrance. EM commented the CC are doing their best to resolve this. Representations have been made to both the Police and Roads Department.

## **AOCB**

Electric car charging points – subject to funding CM asked if there was any further sites as Dores might not be included in this. The Highland Council know the CC are keen for Dores to be included. CM suggested to try an energy source test.

EM and Cllr Fraser met to discuss potholes, parking spaces, playpark, the speed at Torbreck road and Torbreck to Essich. John Taylor, Roads Department, to be contacted for speed checks to be done. SP to write to him and copy in Alistair Christie.

EM brought up the subject of the Dores Post Office and spoke to both Adam, Dores Inn and Fiona at Gift Shop. If anyone interested to take on the Post Office the location would have to be moved. This would be for 6 hours per week.

If Covid 19 levels are at zero the Etape Loch Ness is to go ahead on 22nd August and Loch Ness Marathon on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.

AM asked could another defibrillator course be held to refresh those who last attended it.

EM closed the meeting at 2100 hrs

Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 1930 hrs