

Dores & Essich Community Council

(held virtually)

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 4th October 2021 at 1930 hrs

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

Plus: Councillor David Fraser, Mark Evans, Ruth Bradstreet and Fiona King

Apologies – Councillor Margaret Davidson, Duncan Manson and John Martin. Nothing to declare.

2. Minutes from last virtual CC meeting on 9/8/21 – they were proposed by CM and seconded by NP.

3. Matters Arising –

3.1 Scottish Water – EM commented no updates.

3.2 Affordable Housing – EM commented no updates. If any emails from Gail at Highland Housing Alliance are received they will be sent on.

3.3 Cemetery Extension – EM commented no updates.

3.4 Village Improvement/Traffic Calming – EM commented no further on as there is no money available.

3.5 Inner Moray Firth Development Plan – our comments have been submitted.

3.6 Scaniport Road Safety – Cllr Davidson suggested previously that Cllr Fraser, CM and herself ask for an online meeting with Alistair McLeod and John Taylor from the Highland Council. This is still to take place.

3.7 ILI Pump Storage Scheme – A sub-committee has been set up and to meet with the Chief Executive. JM and CM willing to stay on. NP and DM are willing to go on to this Group. All are in agreement to this. There are no updates from Ross MacLachlan at the moment but one should be expected beginning of December. Construction probably starting in 2023. He will get back to the CC if hears anything. CM made contact with Local Energy Scotland and a meeting will be set up with them and CM/JM regarding community benefit and shared ownership. EM received an email from Charles Stephens about community benefit.

3.8 Broadband at Scaniport – CM has put information on website

3.9 Ward Boundary Changes – there are no changes to boundaries at the moment before the council election.

3.10 Dores Beach – There are no updates. EM to speak to Lavinia about the gorse. Portalooos have been reported as being rather smelly. CM commented to look at the business names on the portalooos and for them to check this over. NP will check this.

3.11 Fish Farm – correspondence from Stephen MacIntyre from Mowi asked for a meeting but this will not be arranged until cages are moved. Correspondence received from Iain King about the fish

farm and will be forwarded on to everyone. EM mentioned to Ross McLaughlin from ILI that they had been very quiet about the moving of the cages.

4. Police Report – this is from 3/9/21 – 3/10/21 – on 8th September there was a report of a 19 year old man speeding 44mph in a 30 zone in Dores as well as attempting to pervert the course of justice. On 8th September a 42 year old man was given a fixed penalty notice for speeding 47 mph in a 30mph zone in Dores. On 11th September around 1900 hours there was a report of careless driving near Dores Primary School The driver was charged with careless driving and a report sent to the procurator fiscal. CM asked the CC to get in touch with the Police for comments on the accident at Scaniport

5. Planning – there have been a couple of planning applications – one of which is John Martin’s house on his land and the other is an amendment to Roddy Ross’s house in the village.

6. Treasurer’s Report – NP reported £6,866.33 in the Bank account and £5,790.56 unrestricted funds. No money received from the Etape this year which went ahead. EM to ask Malcolm Sutherland about this.

7. Correspondence – Chair at Holm Community Council has been in touch asking for a joint meeting to discuss issues that neighbouring community councils have in common. It was discussed and decided we are happy to meet up with them should there be any issues that we could work together on like the Torbreck Road. The Liason Group will be set up to discuss any issues relating to Red John. SP to acknowledge this letter and reply.

8. AOCB -

Fiona King mentioned that the Church is keen to progress with the sale and to get it on the market but the Highland Council is holding things up.

SP mentioned about work going on in the area and speeding vans through the village. To be discussed with Highland Council.

AM mentioned that work was done last week on the road near Kinchyle with spraying tar and chips filling in potholes. EM commented work on potholes outside her house. Cllr David Fraser to speak to John, Roads Department, about this work being done.

EM closed the meeting at 2015 hrs

Date of next meeting – 22nd November 2021 at 1930 hrs