

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 7th March 2022 at 1930 hrs

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

Plus: Derek MacRae, Claire Cuthbertson and Fiona King

Apologies - Cllr David Fraser, Cllr Margaret Davidson and Simon Pillatt. Nothing to declare.

2. Minutes from last virtual CC meeting held on 17/1/22 - they were proposed by CM and seconded by NP.

3. Matters Arising -

3.1 Scottish Water - EM and SP attended meetings. There was a problem with the water but Cllr Davidson arranged a meeting and all sorted now with the Highland Housing Alliance. There is a new application for the cemetery extension. A meeting will be arranged with HHA.

3.2 Affordable Housing - as above and speak to HHA if anyone interested in the housing.

3.3 Cemetery Extension - this is going ahead.

3.4 Village Improvement/Traffic Calming - nothing to report

3.5 Inner Morag Firth Development Plan - the consultation is out this week. Draft representations to be done and then a meeting to be arranged.

3.6 Scaniport Road Safety - an email received from Colin Ross, Highland Council. There will be similar work with a combination of bollards and 40 mph road signs as at Dores. This will be taken up further with Colin Ross and a further email to be sent by CM.

3.7 ILI Pump Storage Scheme - nothing to report but CM suggested reopening meetings with ILI.

3.8 Scaniport Broadband – CM commented no word from Openreach. Fergus Ewing was chasing this up on our behalf. CM made two suggestions either an approach to the Ombudsman or go to the Press.

3.9 Dores Beach - nothing to report on the beach but there is a South Loch Ness litter pick being organised for the last weekend of March (or any time which suits leading up to that). Contact Fiona Cairns if anyone interested.

3.10 Dores Fish Farm - nothing to report

4. Police Report - none received

5. Planning - nothing to report

6. Treasurers Report - NP reported a payment of £155.30 has been made for insurance. There is £7,917.93 in the bank account and £6,842.46 unrestricted funds.

7. Correspondence

EM to get in touch with Alan Johnstone, Highland Council to get the tree removed at Torbreck/Essich road junction.

JM to contact the Manager at Tesco, Ness-side to repair potholes in their road.

Inverness Orienteering Club are holding a Schools League event at Torr Woods on 18th May.

CM attended the Ward 12 meeting held on 7th December and has now sent out an email summarising the main points.

An email received on 16th February from Bowlts about new Woodland Creation on Scaniport Estate. SP to reply CC are supporting this.

Scottish Water sent an email about a Customer Engagement Plan. EM to forward this on to everyone.

An email sent round by CM on Community Action Plan. This to be discussed at another meeting.

An email received regarding a potential wedding location at the football pitch beside the Dores Inn. However, the CC cannot give approval and SP to write back saying we don't own the land and to get in touch with Adam, Dores Inn.

Complaints have been received regarding parking and bins on the pavement at Torr Gardens. JM dealing with this.

AOCB

There is a First Aid course to be held at Dores Hall during the Easter break 11th - 15th April. Please phone Heidi on 751317 or 07715 617319 if interested.

There is to be a Curry night in the Hall on 9th April. Please phone Heidi on 751317 or 07715 617319 if interested.

There is to be a craft night in the Hall starting on 15th March and held every second Tuesday. Please phone Heidi on 751317 or 07715 617319 if interested.

EM closed the meeting at 2045 hrs

Date of next meeting - 25th April 2022 at 1930 hrs

