

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 25th April 2022 at 1930 hrs

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

Plus: Cllr David Fraser, Iain Cameron, Claire Cuthbertson, Fiona King, Gary and Siobhan Foster

Apologies – Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Angus MacLaren (Vice-Chair), Duncan Manson, Jeanette Murray and John Martin. Nothing to declare.

2. Minutes from last CC meeting held on 7/3/22 - they were proposed by CM and seconded by NP.

3. Matters Arising -

3.1 Scottish Water – work to start in September

3.2 Affordable Housing - as at today (25th April) new planning will be lodged in the next couple of weeks. The HHA will come out for meeting once valuations have been made.

3.3 Cemetery Extension – as above

3.4 Village Improvement/Traffic Calming - nothing to report but parking problems especially over Easter. A future meeting to be arranged with John Taylor, Roads Department to discuss.

3.5 Inner Morag Firth Development Plan – draft objection of plan being worked on by CM & JM. This is to be lodged by 17th June.

3.6 Scaniport Road Safety – a detailed email received from Colin Ross, Highland Council. There will be 40 mph speed limit signs put in place along with double white lines if wide enough. Discussions ongoing with the work to be done.

3.7 ILI Pump Storage Scheme – update received and now on community website. There is a meeting on 28th April at the Lochardil Hotel with Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks. CM suggested a meeting with Greg Templeton to discuss community benefit.

3.8 Scaniport Broadband – nothing to report – CM commented Fergus Ewing has not yet had meeting with Openreach, Cllr Fraser said he will speak to them once the elections have passed and maybe work along with HIE.

3.9 Dores Beach – fires have now been started on the beach but not too much damage.

3.10 Dores Fish Farm – the cages will stay in current location until work starts. Details are on website.

4. Police Report – no update received

5. Planning – no new applications but access for new lodge at Ness Castle Lodges.

6. Treasurers Report – NP reported from the financial accounts prepared at 31st March 2022. In the year Income received £1,860.90 and Expenditure £1,355.98 showing a surplus of £504.92. There was £7,485.93 in the bank account as at 31st March 2022.

7. Correspondence

An email received from Scottish Forestry about the Long Term Forestry Plan at Scaniport.

Constituents letter from Drew Hendry. The CC has responded to this.

Email received regarding new Citizens Panel and inviting members of local resilience group to join. Details are on community website.

Email received from Generations Working Together and an invitation was received for training on 26th May on Highlands Intergenerational Network meetings.

AOCB

EM commented to reinstate the bus stop at Ness Bridge. Mr Summers at Highland Council to be contacted.

2 co-optees to be added to the Community Council per EM.

EM closed the meeting at 2035 hrs

Date of next meeting – 13th June 2022 at 1930 hrs and will include AGM.