

Dores & Essich Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 8th August 2022 at 1930 hrs

1. Members Present: John Martin (Chair), Colin MacPherson (Vice-Chair), Ella MacRae, Duncan Manson, John MacKenzie, Claire Stirling, Holly Kingham, Adrienne Dempster and Anne MacLaren (Minutes Secretary)

Plus: Cllr David Fraser, Jeanette Murray, Clare Cuthbertson and Heidi Seaton

Apologies – Simon Pillatt (Secretary). Nothing to declare.

2. Minutes from last CC meeting held on 13/6/22 - they were proposed by CM and seconded by EM.

3. Matters Arising –

3.11 New Members – There are now 5 new members to the Community Council – John MacKenzie, Claire Stirling, Holly Kingham, Jennifer Fraser and Adrienne Dempster. John and Adrienne have been co-opted on and Claire, Holly and Jennifer are Associate members.

3.1 Scottish Water – awaiting report

3.2 Affordable Housing – EM has been in touch with HHA. Gail is just back from holiday and there are no updates on housing tenures. John McArdie and Gail will meet up to discuss any further updates. **DF** to arrange this.

3.3 Cemetery Extension – work to be starting soon. **JM** to write to John Maclean re permeable surfacing of car park and better signage of car park

3.4 Village Improvement/Traffic Calming/Parking – until money received from funding nothing will be happening. **DF** to look into this and issues regarding road safety, speed limits etc as a matter of priority given upcoming events, especially Red John. Regarding parking, cars are parked even further along the road now causing more problems, cones are being moved and a traffic order being introduced was discussed. **Colin** suggested a sub group to look at better bus provision to town and to Foyers surgery. **JM** to write to NHS Highland re potential for locum healthcare in Village.

3.5 Inner Morag Firth Development Plan - Comments to the Highland Council were submitted by 17th June by CM.

3.6 Scaniport Road Safety – CM commented the work is going ahead with 40mph Gateway signs. It was discussed to have the signs in English only rather than including Gaelic.

3.7 ILI Pump Storage Scheme – CM and JM attended a meeting with ILI representatives. Community benefit offer was rejected. A meeting to be arranged with the Chief Executive to

discuss and DM to be included in this. **AD** to write on behalf of CC re HC's emergency Planning.

3.8 Scaniport Broadband – CM commented the Scaniport rollout will be made in September and this is being dealt with by the Scottish Government.

3.9 Dores Beach – EM commented there is a young boy from the village collecting rubbish daily. CC to write and thank him for his work. It was agreed to give him a voucher from Grahams fishing tackle shop as he is keen on fishing. **JM** to contact them.

3.10 Dores Fish Farm – DM to contact SEPA as oil slick coming from fish farm. John MacKenzie mentioned he would ask his son to use his drone on the area. **JM** to write to Mowi to ask that their lorries slow down on the road and also to invite them to come along to the next CC meeting.

4. Police Report – none received.

5.. Planning – no new planning applications.

6. Treasurers Report – no Treasurer's Report received.

7. Correspondence -

Email received from Clare Cuthbertson regarding £307 held for Fireworks Fund with the Dores Hall accounts. Clare asked if the CC could hold these funds for future community fireworks/gala expenses. This was agreed to do so.

Email received from Clare Cuthbertson about grass cutting at Church car park. This has now been done but not at area of the stream. A request for a dog poo bin was made. Clare asked about upgrading the car park. **JM** to write to John MacLean, Highland Council to get work done at same time as the cemetery extension.(see 3.3 above) Copy email to be sent to SP (Secretary). Also a problem with the bus service Inverness – Foyers. Clare has previously written to the Highland Council and Stagecoach. CC to write to Highland Council about improving this bus service.

Email received from McGowan Engineering Ltd. regarding cable installation works at Torbreck lane and road closures. A letter to be written to SSEN by **CM** about the disruption to the roads.

JM commented on the Cost of Living Allowance which he and DF previously discussed. When is the next payment to be made?? DF to look into this.

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JM to write to John Taylor, Roads Dept to be written to regarding the cycle path getting overgrown especially at Aldourie School. This is causing problems for wheelchair users as so narrow with the overgrowth.

HK to write to the IRA regarding harassment on the school bus service.

A request made by Heidi Seaton regarding the Dores Hall Committee. There are currently only 3 members on this and they are looking for new members to join. The AGM is on 30th August and encourage to attend. **SP** to email all locals on mailing list and post notice on website.

JM closed the meeting at 2100 hrs

Date of next meeting – 19th September 2022 at 1930 hrs