**Dores Community Development Trust**

**Tuesday 16th February 2021 19:30 – 20:30 (via Zoom)**

Present: David Mason, Adam Scotson, Clare Cuthbertson, Louise Robertson, Ian Innes, Gaelle Delagrave, Mary Finlay, Colin McPherson, Duncan Manson

Apologies: Fiona Cairns

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| **1.** | **Introductions**  David started the meeting by welcoming everyone and allowing everyone present to introduce themselves. |  |
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| **2.**  **AP 2.1** | **Election of officers**  **Chairperson**  David Mason was nominated for the role of chairperson by Duncan Manson and seconded by Ian Innes with no objections.  **Secretary**  There were no nominations for this role.  **Treasurer**  There were no nominations for this role.  The two vacant roles are vital to the functioning of the trust. David is happy to have a discussion with anyone that might be interested in fulfilling any of these roles  **Members to consider applying to fill vacant positions and contact David to express interest.** | **ALL** |
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| **3.**  **AP 3.1**  **AP 3.2** | **Plans for the Coming Year**  The Development of the Red John Pumped Hydro storage scheme, if approved, could provide significant local funding and the development trust would be involved in discussions surrounding this. This could be through Community Investments and/or community benefit payments.  Colin provided background information on the scheme   * Currently it is out for public consultation * If planning is agreed there is an estimated build time of 5-7 years. An initial upfront payment is in the Heads of Terms but discussions on investment and future payments will need to happen once planning is approved.   **Membership**  When the Community Development Trust was set up, membership stood at 80 members. This currently stands at approx. 65. A membership recruitment drive could be tied in with the Red John development as it would allow members of the community to be involved with the development. To be a member you have to live within the Dores parish boundary for 3 years and be over the age of 16.  **Application for funding/Grants**  Any member of the parish can submit a request for funding this can be done by contacting any of the directors who will then circulate this around the rest of the committee for consideration. Applicants don’t need to be a member of the development trust  **Advertising the Development trust**  Discussion took place regarding advertising what the Development trust is and what it can offer, Colin suggested there is a Facebook page set up which links to community council website (doresonlochness) which we might be able to use to publish information regarding the trust which would have the benefit of recruiting new members and informing the community how they can apply for funding.  **Gaelle to look at existing community council website and the doresonlochness facebook page to see if we can use these to promote membership and funding opportunities.**  **Mary agreed to draft explanations of the role of the development trust and how people can become members and apply for funding. This will be circulated to the committee for comments** | **GD**  **MF** |

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| **4**  **AP 4.1**  **AP 4.2** | **AOCB**   * It was agreed that minutes should be available for members of the trust to read. Clare agreed to try and collate old minutes so we have a record and Colin is going to investigate the best way to store this in future ( google drive/ Drop box etc)   **Clare to locate copies of old minutes. David to assist with contact details as required.**  **Colin to investigate storage options for minutes and committee documents**   * Important to remember the funds are not spent by the development trust but by the individuals/groups that apply for the funding.   **Date of next meeting**  It was decided that we would continue discussions via email at the moment and would hold off setting a date for a formal meeting until a matter was raised which needed a formal response  David thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed | **CC**  **CM** |