

DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

13th SEPTEMBER 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held via virtual video call on Monday, 13th September 2021, at 7:30 pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

Carol Mackay – Co-chair – CM
Viki Mackenzie – Co-chair – VM

Gareth Dixon – Treasurer - GD
Kim Tewnion – Secretary – KT

Donald Goskirk – DG
Jerry Horack – JH
Jimmy Melville – JM

Patrick Murray – PM
Jaen Rowland – JR

PRESENT

Carol Mackay (Co-chair), Viki Mackenzie (Co-chair), Gareth Dixon (Treasurer), Donald Goskirk, Jim McGillivray, Jimmy Melville, Paddy Murray

ABSENT

Jerry Horack, Kim Tewnion & Jaen Rowland

MINUTES

Lou Rollason

VISITING

N/A

WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MONTH, INCLUDING AOCB)		
1.		
i.	Zoom Meetings Potential to turn hybrid between Zoom and in-person if wished.	
ii.	Flowers & Fairs Recap Everything is going well. The watering rota has been set, with most of those who had adopted a pot being happy to do again next year. CM commented on the benefits of the community with everyone coming together and volunteering with the watering & adopting a pot. CM & VM discussed how DADCA are notorious for not asking for help, but this has shown the benefits. VM also stated that Flowers & Fairs would need access to a polytunnel (or similar) for June (roughly three weeks) to allow the hanging baskets to establish. CM asked members to think about this and the potential requirement for investing in a polytunnel.	
iii.	Bishopsfield Land PM recapped the situation. The first five plots will allow for DADCA to break even. The remaining plots will be sold at a lesser value, but it has to be approved by the government. The Highland Council have the paperwork in hand. The sale and purchase contract is already drafted as well as the memorandum of understanding. Once the approval is done – which should happen – it should be weeks rather than months.	
iv.	Glebe Field Funding Application The application has been submitted. KR gave a leaflet to CM that will be distributed around the town, which has lots of information regarding the plots. It is not intended as a marketing leaflet but for news, and CM complimented the brochure and its data.	
v.	Festival Week Recap Festival Week was brilliant. Excellent attendance and a fantastic event with most of it happening outside. The Stuart Campbell memorial match was incredibly profound due to his remarkable contribution to the festival and events in general - this will now be a mainstay moving forward. The entire DADCA board want to extend their thanks and congratulations for putting on such an enjoyable event and in such times that they carried it out.	
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
2.	Approval of Minutes – 12th July Proposed by VM & seconded by PM.	
3.	KEYSTONE & POLICIES	
i.	Policy Access	
ii.	Car Boot and Tabletop Sales	
iii.	Complaints Procedure	
	All above policies are to be updated with a review date, but no changes are required.	LR
POLICY AND RELATED MATTERS		
4.	Update on	
FUNDING APPLICATIONS		
5.	N/A	
MEMBERSHIP		
6.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
DIRECTORS VACANCIES		
7.	N/A	
CURRENT BUILDING		
8.	Loop System It was not set up before JH left, but DG states that it can wait until he returns as it is not urgently required. Ceiling	

	<p>JM commented that Kenny (Caretaker) commented on the ceiling and how it appears to be chipping. CM elaborated that she had spoken to him, and he was concerned about the amount of dust on the floor due to the ceiling, and it may require sealant.</p> <p>Chimney – The concrete is cracking on the chimney (above the Struie room). JM stated this had been pinned by Michael Banks several years ago. CM said it is not a tremendous job to patch it up, but the concrete is loose, and stones could fall, or leaks could happen. JMc stated a funding opportunity to help cover these. CM estimated less than £1000 but was cautious about spending more money when the income is still being regenerated.</p> <p>Renovations – CM stated that everyone she had spoken to had nothing but great things to say regarding the new look and the cleanliness of the area.</p>	
OUTCOME OF FIRE DRILL		
9.	To be done	
FINANCE – ACCOUNTS ATTACHED		
10.	<p>Accounts Update GD stated that there is a healthy cash balance but not a considerable amount of money coming in.</p>	
CAR BOOT SALES		
11.	N/A	
COMMUNITY MARKET		
12.	<p>Recap on the year PM said it had been a successful year and that Luke Jennings had been a great help. PM stated that food stalls were lacking, and CM suggested that it would be a good idea to discuss its enhancement over the winter. Ask Sarah Wheeling to attend in October or November to discuss the markets for next year – PM to invite. CM thanked PM and JM for setting and dismantling.</p>	PM
BOOKINGS/EVENTS		
13.	<p>Update on bookings Bookings have mostly come back with only three groups</p>	
SUBCOMMITTEES		
14.	<p>Community Gardens Regarding the insurance and wording for the policy – CM & PM will pick this up.</p>	CM & PM
DORNOCH 500		
15.	<p>Outstanding balance CM to KT offline.</p>	CM
AOCB		
16.	<p>DADCA Members Comments CM – AGM to be next month, and it will be on Zoom. The November meeting will be back in person. LR to send through marketing to VM for Northern Times & post on website and places around town with posters.</p> <p>Clear Out of Social Club They are planned for 20th November, and LR to ask users to clear out their spaces before 13th November. Anything that is left will be thrown out.</p> <p>VM – Asked about the St Andrew's Fair. LR to speak to the Parent Council regarding if it will go ahead. GD agreed to do ESRA and bring a mesh in with last year.</p> <p>Bonfire – The Meadows Park trustees took over the responsibility for the bonfire pile, but unfortunately, the side gate was removed and whilst it was off, people dumped stuff. The entrance is reattached, and CM had a meeting with Frankie Gunn (FG) & Willie Hook about not allowing access to the bonfire again. FG is the only one with a key for the side gate. There will be a bonfire this year, but there will be a slight change of plan next year. CM continues that this is not an attempt to be vague. However, it is not easy to stop dumping which causes a risk with SEPA with electrical equipment being left there. FG puts an immeasurable amount of work into</p>	<p>LR & VM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>LR</p>

	<p>the area he doesn't ask to and receives no remuneration for it. CM continued that the risk of fire and hibernating animals are also very high.</p> <p>DG – Has left some cables in the Social Club, above head height and not in the way.</p> <p>JM – Questioned any progress with the land adjacent to the Social Club – CM stated it does not belong to DADCA.</p>	
CLOSING: 20:40		
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM – 11th OCTOBER 2021: 7 PM 11TH OCTOBER 2021: 7:30 PM		