

DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

8th NOVEMBER 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held online via Zoom on Monday, 10th January 2022, 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

**AGENDA: GENERAL MEETING FOR THE DORNOCH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
(DADCA)
At 7:30 PM, Monday 10th January, 2022
Via Zoom**

WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM THE LAST MEETING, INCLUDING AOCB)		
1.	Apologies were received from JM & JH.	
i.	<p>Bishopsfield Land Two sets of documents to review. One to buy some land, one to sell some land with the goal to have funding to buy a new community centre (approx. £400,000) It would be a break-even situation for five plots of purchase, but it would give land (4 – 6 plots) that could be sold for profit at the end. This figure is between £80 – £100k. Selling just the five plots have a stipulation of not more than £25k and DADCA would delegate all responsibility to local partners (Community Housing Trust).</p> <p>PM would like to get the documents signed tomorrow (11th January) as DADCA can not get the approval from the Highland Council until there is an agreement with the first five plots and requested authority to sign the other documentation when it comes through – potentially in the next few weeks. DADCA approved and PM will sign the document.</p> <p>JMc wanted to point out the Community Housing Trust are good guys.</p>	PM
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
2.	Approval of Minutes – 8th November, 2021	
i.	Update on the Santa Day – which was successful which was not as well attended as last year due to the high rates of isolation but was still successful. Roughly £250-300 in donations.	
ii.	The minutes were approved by VM and seconded by PM as a true account of the last meeting.	
3.	KEYSTONE & POLICIES - ATTACHED	
i.	Internet Policy Approved with spelling & grammar adjustments.	LR
ii.	Social Media Policy Approved	LR
iii.	Data Protection Approved	LR
iv.	Website Privacy Approved	LR
FUNDING APPLICATIONS		
4.	Funding for the new Hob was approved although it has not been purchased yet, VM will do so this week.	VM
MEMBERSHIP		
5.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
DIRECTORS VACANCIES		
6.	N/A	
DORNOCH SOCIAL CLUB CURRENT BUILDING STATUS		
7.	The heating in the Social Club requires the radiator to be moved from the mezzanine to the hallway. VM asked if a heater was put in the main hall (on fire exit side) and DG confirmed but said it was not on the main circuit. DG & CM agreed that it should stay on the other circuit which is linked to the lighting in the cupboard.	

	<p>The heater in the coffee lounge needs to always remain on at the wall – CM found it off. LR to make a sign and email the users.</p> <p>The clear out was done in November. Inventory will be done soon.</p>	LR
FINANCE		
8.	<p>Finance Update</p> <p>There is still money in the cash reserve and about £3000 worth of bills had to be paid. The outgoings are much more than the incoming bills.</p> <p>The wage bills have increased due to extra work required. The maintenance and cleaning agreement is 2 hours a day, 7 days a week. CM questioned maintenance bills and was informed everything is approved in advance.</p> <p>JMc suggested an application to the Common Good fund to try and rectify the monetary discrepancy. PM – although he cannot comment due to being the Chair of the Dornoch Area Community Council – thought that with the amount of money that sits in the bank, asking the Common Good Fund would be a bit wicked. PM also pointed out that the Social Club is running beyond its means and that it broke even during the pandemic closure.</p> <p>CM asked for suggestions regarding increasing the income to be brought to the meeting by next month.</p> <p>DG asked if we had a set budget and PM and he reported that the income is just over half of the expenditure.</p> <p>CM requested that members found out the current rates of halls around the area.</p> <p>CM also asked that a push was done on the social media side of things regarding photograph taking and advertising.</p>	ALL
CAR BOOT SALES		
9.	Car boot sale were put back on the table for the summer month and LR will email through CM details.	
COMMUNITY MARKET		
10.	N/A	
BOOKINGS/EVENTS		
11.	<p>Update on bookings</p> <p>Discussed above.</p>	
SUBCOMMITTEES		
12.	<p>Community Gardens</p> <p>Kate & Susan were present at the meeting. They have updated their documentation for the Community Gardens. The insurance for the Community Gardens is likely to be between £0 - £50 and PM requested that the board allowed for it to go to £200. CM asked what was included in this and Kate confirmed it was the Community Gardens. CM questioned the rest of Glebe Field with regard to the orchard and Sally's land which CM stated that the entirety of Glebe Field required insurance. PM will follow up.</p> <p>The tenancy agreement documents were approved.</p> <p>CM questioned how everything else was going. Kate responded that they were advertising for vacancies for plots. They also had an issue with people taking the fruit which although the garden is for the community, people have taken all the fruit, and a lot of work goes into this. PM suggested a sign to help hinder the theft.</p>	PM
DORNOCH 500		
13.	<p>Outstanding balance</p> <p>KT has in progress</p>	KT
AOCB		
14.	<p>PM: N/A</p> <p>VM: N/A</p> <p>CM: PM had suggested a leaflet with the information about community bodies which would explain the difference between the each of the Dornoch bodies.</p>	

	<p>CM also brought up future proofing DADCA as her and VM had tendered their resignation in October 2021. One of CM's issues when she first took the Chairship was that many of the groups never spoke to each other. Although this has improved, CM & VM questioned if there should be a merge due to the lack of volunteers, members, and financial implications. PM questioned who would DADCA merge with? CM clarified that it was more looking at all the groups and seeing how they could work together, as a merger or to find more volunteers. JMc suggested the flyer may be a good idea to raise awareness, there was disagreement with how much people would look at it but there was agreement that it needed to be advertised what DADCA/Dornoch Social Club is. JM suggested dropping DADCA and earmarking it as a Community Centre.</p> <p>CM rounded off by saying the two main topics to think about are finance and futureproofing of DADCA.</p> <p>DG: N/A GD: N/A JMc: N/A JM: N/A</p>	
CLOSING		
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14TH FEBRUARY 2022: 7:30 PM AT A VENUE TBC		