



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

13TH November 2023

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held at Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) on Monday, 13th November 2023, at
7:30pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

**Donald Goskirk Chair –
DG**

**Paddy Murray Treasurer
– PM**

**Kim Tewnion – Secretary
– KT**

Bill Buchanan - BB
Bridget Goskirk - BG
Mike Grist – MG

Jerry Horack - JH
Jimmy Melville - JM
Lucy Moir - LM

Jaen Rowland – JR
Jim McGillivray Cll – JMc

PRESENT

Paddy Murray, Kim Tewnion, Jim McGillivray, Bill Buchanan, Jimmy Melville, Mike Grist

ABSENT

Donald Goskirk, Jerry Horack, Bridget Goskirk, Jaen Rowland, Lucy Moir

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Lou Rollason

VISITING

N/A

WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
1.	The Chair DG was absent, so PM welcomed everyone to the meeting. The apologies and absences received were as follows: Donald Goskirk, Jerry Horack, Bridget Goskirk, Jaen Rowland and Lucy Moir	
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
2.	Approval of Minutes – 9th October 2023 PM asked for any comments regarding the minute of the last meeting. As no comments were forthcoming, JMc proposed the minutes as an accurate record of fact, and it was seconded by MG.	
VISITORS		
3.		
i.	Claudette Bruce – Highland Broadband Unable to attend. Will attend next meeting.	
MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, INCLUDING AOCB)		
4.		
i.	Bishopsfield Land PM updated that DADCA have a few hurdles to overcome. Firstly, DADCA have to buy the land from Albyn at £1 (as opposed to £20k). That land they will then sell to the Highland Council (HC) at £1 which will allow them to build a new pedestrian path from the site to the playpark – which is required. Then HC has to agree to where DADCA can plant trees to replace the ones that have been felled. Finally, DADCA will need to get the sites serviced which costs about £25k to service them. Four out of the six sites – which are next to the area lent to HC for use building sheds – and DADCA believe they can service (or at least semi service them) for a slightly lesser amount. The marketing for the plots will not be carried out until all the above is done. The planning for the plot that has interest already should go through by Christmas. PM would prefer to have a good chunk of the £500,000 from the plots DADCA are selling before advertising the fact.	PM
ii.	Bonfire Night Recap The event went well. A great turnout and fantastic work by Viki and her team of volunteers. Viki had alluded that this event may be her last one. Although she is happy to be on board to handover the event, DADCA will need to look for a replacement. LR suggested this is a community event that may benefit from the newly agreed upon Business Improvement District (BID) to take over when established.	
iii.	St Andrew's Fair Tables sold out. Promotion is well underway. KT had a piece penned for the Northern Times and is in discussion with the local businesses with regard to what they're doing on the day to make it a 'Christmas Festival' throughout Dornoch.	LR & KT
iv.	Cinema Club Blinds BB has received the tenders in and recommends they spend £2k on the motorised versions. This would be done by the company Ness. Although it is slightly more expensive, it has the likelihood of being longer lasting. This would also benefit the East Sutherland Camera Club (ESCC). The blinds can be operated individually so will not all have to be up (or down) and will not impact any of the other groups. Although the Cinema Club has it's own funds and do not need the approval of DADCA, DADCA are in agreement that the blinds are a good investment.	BB
v.	Fire Drill The fire drill took place at the end of the meeting.	
vi.	EDF Energy	PM

	<p>PM has agreed to a rate of ¾% decrease on the current tariff. PM would like to see what the next bill is – LR to provide when it arrives. He hopes that because the estimated amount was so wrong, that the bills will not be as bad as he had calculated. Roughly £6k per year for electricity.</p> <p>LR to create stickers for turning off the lights as they keep being left on. The issue is with the heaters being left on, not so much the lights, however the stickers may help alleviate the problem.</p> <p>The usage of the booster switches for the Struie Room heaters have been phenomenal with no heaters being left on. Although the plug can be unplugged from the booster, it is rather snug and takes a bit of effort. DG mentioned outside of the meeting that he would potentially silicone them for extra piece of mind.</p>	
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
i.	<p>DADCA Policy – Gaelic DADCA Policy – Mission Statement DADCA Policy – Recruitment of an Ex-Offender DADCA Policy – Volunteers DADCA Regulatory & Compliance 4.8 – Community Centre Inventory</p> <p>BB to send through the inventory check for the main items for the kitchen which was lost in LR's spam. All other documentation is fine.</p>	LR
	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
6.	N/A	
	MEMBERSHIP	
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
	CURRENT BUILDING	
8.	<p>Dornoch Community Centre Update: PAT testing – Gerald Holdsworth will undertake when he has the time. PEL – In progress. Capacity had to be taken down to comply with the bathroom facilities. Storage Container – No longer moving forward as it would be an eyesore, take up valuable parking spaces and Davie MacBeath has community storage. JMc will take the pool table and tavele tennis table to Embo Community Hall. Defibrillator Funding – Potentially ask the Ward Discretionary Fund. Fire service should instal. Dishwasher – Requires fixing. KT will contact Technifix in Arabella for support.</p>	LR JMc
	FINANCE	
9.	<p>Finance Update DADCA Insurance Policy – KT & LR will compile a list of regular groups lacking insurance, requesting them to obtain coverage. If there are concerns, DADCA can inquire with our insurance company about the cost to include them in the DADCA insurance. This will then involve spreading the cost among groups opting out of individual insurance. The rationale is to encourage uninsured groups to obtain coverage, while DADCA could inform those unable to do so: "The DADCA insurance would cost x amount," making it a mandatory fee. The concern is that less tech/business-savvy groups might lack the know-how or means to secure insurance.</p> <p>Tennis Club – The money will be transferred to DACIC for their new project.</p> <p>Youth Club – The money will be transferred to the school.</p>	LR/ KT & PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	<p>Update Carboot sales will return in 2024</p>	

	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	Update Outdoor community markets will return in 2024.	
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	Update on Bookings As normal.	LR
	SUBCOMMITTEES/VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE	
	AOCB	
13.	<p>DADCA Members Comments:</p> <p>PM inquired into if he would be able to host a dinner for around 60 pax in the Main Hall which led to a discussion about the usability of the kitchen. A new kitchen was discussed but decided against due to the fact that the number of users who utilise the kitchen on such a scale is slim (only one or two bookings a year). If DADCA do move forward with a new community centre building then this will be taken into account.</p> <p>PM requested help putting up the lights MG can help next week and KT will ask her child.</p> <p>BG, although not present requested that the board discuss the “Cup Box to the Highlands” initiative. This scheme “is open to both businesses that sell single-use cups, as well as any workplaces or community hubs that would like to collect cups for recycling. Pilot participants will be offered two free boxes to try... The initiative aims to create a network of cup recycling points to serve local communities and reduce the number of single-use cups sent to landfill.” (Murray, P. (2023) Highland Cup Box Pilot aims to tackle scourge of single-use Paper Cup Waste, Northern Times. Available at: https://www.northern-times.co.uk/news/highland-cup-box-pilot-aims-to-tackle-scourge-of-single-use-332078/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook (Accessed: 13 November 2023).</p> <p>There was concern among the board that we do not offer take away cups however as it is a free initiative, DADCA is happy to try it in the hopes of reducing the carbon footprint.</p> <p>KT Requested that DADCA bring back a calendar of events for the year and had ordered a calendar to do so.</p> <p>PM requested a change of meeting time from 7:30pm to 7pm.</p>	<p>BG</p> <p>KT</p> <p>PM</p>
	CLOSING	
Date of Next Meeting will 11th December 2023, 7 PM: Dornoch Community Centre		