



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

11th November 2024

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held at the Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) on Monday, 11th November, at 7:30pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

Donald Goskirk – Chair – DG	Paddy Murray – Treasurer – PM	Kim Tewnion – Secretary – KT
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Bill Buchanan - BB
Bridget Goskirk - BG
Mike Grist – MG

Jerry Horack - JH
Jimmy Melville – JM
Jim McGillivray – JMc

Lucy Moir - LM
Jaen Rowland - JR

PRESENT	Donald Goskirk (Chair), Paddy Murray (Treasurer), Kim Tewnion (Secretary), Mike Grist, Bridget Goskirk, Jim McGillivray, Jimmy Melville & Lucy Moir
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ABSENT	Jerry Horack, Bill Buchanan, Jaen Rowland
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MINUTES	Lou Rollason
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VISITING	N/A
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WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
1.	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from: BB, JR & JH</p> <p>Present: BG, DG, PM, KT, LM, JM, MG, JMc</p>	
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes – 14th October 2024 Proposed by BG & DG</p>	
VISITORS		
3.		
i.	N/A	
MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, INCLUDING AOCB)		
4.		
i.	<p>Bishopsfield Land Going well. 1 plot sold, 1 has a formal offer, 1 verbal offer and 1 interested party. There is the potential going forward with the new Community Centre project in 2025 due to the sales.</p>	PM
ii.	<p>Calendar of Events In progress for 2025</p>	KT & LR
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
i.	<p>Google Drive DADCA Policy – Policy Disclosure - Here DADCA Policy – SHEF Policy (Outdoor Events) - Here DADCA Policy – Volunteers - Here</p> <p>LR confirmed that all documents were reviewed annually by Voluntary Groups Sutherland (VGS) and were approved.</p>	LR
FUNDING APPLICATIONS		
6.	<p>Grants/Funding Opportunities: N/A Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) – DG said it will be open in the next month. This fund is a high value of around £40k. The heating is approximately for £21k. If DADCA were to go ahead with this It would depends on if the grant was partially funded of fully funded. This will depend on if it is financially prudent when the amount funded is known. KT has applied for numerous grants from the supermarkets etc and will continue to do so as and when they come up.</p>	DG & KT
MEMBERSHIP		
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
CURRENT BUILDING		
8.	<p>Dornoch Community Centre Update: Heating: nothing to report as it will depend on the CR Fund. If the CR fund is favourable DADCA may ask about the Struie Room. In progress to stay on the agenda until relevant again.</p>	

	<p>AV Cupboard: In progress. Will stay on the agenda until relevant.</p> <p>Hall Re-varnishing: It was a proviso that the blinds in the Struie room were installed first and this has now been done. KM will now need to find a 24 hour block of time when the hall is free. This is likely to be closer to Christmas as the groups begin to take their breaks.</p> <p>Storage: Pool Table move is in progress. Will stay on the agenda until relevant.</p> <p>Disabled Parking Space: LR had a different type of paint. DG will make some enquiries.</p> <p>Stones: JM thinks the stones are too harsh and should be something more fragile. DG stated that the stones are just temporary and that Kenny will be making a wall. JM was concerned about the price of a wall over the idea of installing some wooden posts. It was brought up that the issue is that a couple of cars have slid down the hill and into someone's house. DG will check how many hours Kenny will be using to do the wall.</p> <p>Kitchen (cleanliness & oven): potential to put another oven in as there are complaints regarding it. DG to find out the price from Jimmy Anderson and instal if suitable. On the whole the feedback on the kitchen is mostly positive.</p>	
	FINANCE	
9.	<p>Finance Update Finance Update – Terms and conditions of the DADCA bank accounts and how it works with money regarding who it belongs to. PM explained it is either unrestricted or restricted fund and the cinema is unrestricted. This was also discussed during the AGM. PM will inform the current subcommittees of the procedure regarding banking and subgroups.</p> <p>Accountants have finalised the statutory accounts.</p>	PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	<p>Update Finished for the year. New date have been added into the calendar.</p>	
	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	<p>Update Finished for the year.</p>	
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	<p>Update on Bookings Scrabble Club Update: To be looked into in 2025.</p> <p>Bonfire night: LM stated on behalf of the Bonfire Group that it was a great success. LM also stated that Viki wishes to take a step back from bonfire night organisation but is happy to stay involved. LM pointed out that she is happy to take over the running of the Bonfire Night but strongly reminded the group that she is working full time and cannot take random days off for example to help clean up the next day. Thus there will need to be an even larger push for volunteers next year. Members were reminded of the importance of the clean up crew. DADCA thanked LM for stepping into this role and encouraged her to ask if she need any assistance. The final financial figures are not available yet but VM will update when it is available.</p>	JM
	AOCB	
13.	<p>DADCA Members Comments: PM – suggested a larger AGM with presentation about a new community centre.</p>	

	<p>PM – Questioned if there are any volunteers for setting up the Christmas lights. The trees will arrive on the 15th of November.</p> <p>New decorations DG to ask what KMs budget is to see if it is suitable.</p> <p>New tables may be needed. LR & KT counted the tables and found there to be several missing. Ideally there should be 30 and there was only 22. KT will order.</p> <p>DG asked the board if DADCA should get a valuation of the building yet and KT pointed out we should get the energy sorted first. DG will have a discussion with the energy companies and state the proposal and see what the surveyor says.</p>	
	CLOSING	
	The meeting was closed at: 20:54	
Date of Next Meeting will be January 13th, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Dornoch Community Centre		