



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

8TH April 2024

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held at the Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) on Monday, 8th April 2024, 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
Jim McGillivray – JMc

Lucy Moir - LM
Jaen Rowland - JR

PRESENT

Donald Goskirk (Chair), Paddy Murray (Treasurer), Bridget Goskirk, Mike Grist,
Jimmy Melville, Jim McGillivray, Jean Rowland

ABSENT

Kim Tewnion (Secretary), Jerry Horack, Lucy Moir, Bill Buchanan

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Bridget Goskirk

VISITING

N/A

WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
1.	The Chair (DG) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from BB & JH	
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
2.	Approval of Minutes – 12th February 2023 The minutes were seen as accurate representation of the last meeting with the minutes being proposed by BG and seconded by DG.	
VISITORS		
3.		
i.	N/A	
MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, INCLUDING AOCB)		
4.		
i.	Bishopsfield Land Full servicing of plots impractical. SSE only connect to final user. A lot depends on size of dwelling etc. Confirmed by HGA Engineering. Sewage – the hope was to run to the sewers at the back of the plots; however this is not feasible as the sewer itself is probably too high, leaving potential for overspill. The path has still to be completed. it is in place but doesn't have the final layer of tarmac yet. PM discussed approaching Compass (contractors) re buying the 5 plots as a job lot. Not sure if they would be interested but it was agreed that this would be a good idea in principle.	PM
ii.	Community Resilience Group PM was to discuss with Charles.	
iii.	Van PM has finally caught up with Mark. The van is due an MOT next month. If it passes, it was agreed to keep it, if it fails, it will be scrapped / sold. PM also stated that now his personal vehicle is 10 years old, this could be used therefore the van would theoretically be surplus to requirements. Agreed this is an appropriate solution unless PM is unavailable.	PM
iv.	Calendar of Events N/A - KT not present.	KT
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
i.	*PRS Licence – Complete *Pay In of Funds Sheet – Accepted with LR's amendments	LR
FUNDING APPLICATIONS		
6.	RDGC Community Fund Submitted. Still awaiting result.	LR
MEMBERSHIP		
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
CURRENT BUILDING		
8.	Dornoch Community Centre Update:	

	<p>Kitchen Upgrades: Hot water cylinder in. Timer possibly a bit sticky at start but seems to be working now. Agreed we put up a sign in the kitchen to alert users to Hot water risk. (BG). DG set timer and will check again initial settings are working OK. Plumber to install mixer taps in Ladies and Gents and then hot water feed into toilets will be connected. Currently we are waiting for Jimmy Anderson for price for new oven and hob.</p> <p>Kenny: It was discussed as to whether we should put the caretaking contract out to tender again. PM & JM to meet Kenny to discuss his role and his thoughts on continuing. DG & BG have offered to deep clean both the Struie Room & the Coffee Lounge following on from the kitchen deep clean.</p> <p>AV Cupboard: Dependent on some joinery work (Kenny) and wiring (Jimmy Anderson) before the work by Gerald from ESCC can be carried out. DG to oversee.</p> <p>Penalty Fees for Regular Messes: it was discussed that we introduce Notional fees as an incentive for users to leave the building as found.</p>	
	FINANCE	
9.	<p>Finance Update No substantial change. DADCA's finances down £10,000 per annum approx over the last 2 years. With one plot sold, and a high current account balance, it was agreed to place £80,000 into a new savings account. PM to investigate rates at Bank of Scotland. It was also agreed to 'top-up' the existing savings account with the remaining proceeds from the sale of land. JMc reminded the board regarding Business Stream Charges – we are better not to sell all existing plots in the same financial year, or we lose our rates relief. It was also agreed by the board to add LR as a Signatory for the Current Account as she is now the Bookkeeper.</p>	PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	<p>Update There is to be a new poster focusing on recycled goods. JR raised the thoughts of keeping unsold items from other stall holders to sell on behalf of DADCA. However, they would need storage in the hall. This was then carried forward to item 13 (AOCB) on the agenda</p>	JR
	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	<p>Update Setting up - Van MOT expiry is a slight issue, but only if PM not available.</p>	PM
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	<p>Update on Bookings N/A – LR absent.</p>	LR
	SUBCOMMITTEES/VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE	
	AOCB	
13.	<p>DADCA Members Comments: DG: He raised his thoughts for reconfiguration of storage facilities within the hall. He suggested that the BB Room becomes a store for all tables and chairs moving them from the small cupboard. This was met with approval from the board as it will make for easier movement into the main hall. BG suggested that the Festival Week move into the larger room upstairs making that room purely DADCA (except the St Finnbarrs Cupboard). Again this area needs a good reorganising before this could happen. DG to email Festival Week regarding this. The Church who have storage upstairs would then take on the Festival Week cupboard at the top of the stairs, also then freeing up the Upper cupboard in the Fire Exit Lobby for other users. Potential storage for the Car Boot Sales would be the Upper Cupboard. Suzanne from Festival Week was also questioning what the Insurance policy covered. PM to confirm this. Battery/PV Energy System:</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>PM</p>

	DG is looking into getting quotes from MSC registered installers. He needs 3 quotes to apply for grant funding. JMc gave some costing figures from the Embo Hall project. DG to continue pursuing.	DG
	CLOSING	
	The meeting was closed at: 20:20	
Date of Next Meeting will 8th April 2024 at 7:30 PM: Dornoch Community Centre		

