

MINUTES 8TH January 2024

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA) held at Social Club on Monday, 8th January 2024, at 7pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

Donald Goskirk – Chair –	Paddy Murray	-	Kim Tewnion – Secretary
DG	Treasurer – PM		– 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, Bill

Buchanan, Jimmy Melville, Jim McGillivray, Lucy Moir, Jaen Rowland,

Peter Rowland.

ABSENT Kim Tewnion (Secretary), Jerry Horack, Mike Grist

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VISITING N/A

	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
1.	The Chair (DG) welcomed everyone to the meeting. PM, JMc, DG, BG, BB, JR, JM, PR & LM were present. Apologies were received by MG.	
	MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	
2.	Approval of Minutes – 11 th December 2023 The minutes were approved as true record of the last meeting and were proposed by PM and seconded by DG.	
	VISITORS	
3.		
i.	N/A	
	MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, INCLUDING	
4.	AOCB)	
i.	Bishopsfield Land PM stated that nothing much has happened over the festive season. However, they believed that no news is good news for the planning with the Dornoch Community Council supporting the application for the new build. PM hoped for something good to report next month with some outstanding questions being answered by the Highland Council.	PM
ii.	Hogmanay LR reported that it was a successful but with a few setbacks including the lack of a Pipe Band. PM stated that there should be more of an inventive for the pipe band to appear for future years as it was clear it was a bigger draw then previously realised. There was a discussion about the article in Northern Times, but the feeling was overwhelmingly positive from elsewhere. There were estimations that a rough total of 5000 people had attended the event. Monetary wise, not all donations had been counted, however there was approximately £2500 brought in from the raffle. LR stated that the lack of volunteers on the night and the card reader machine not working will likely have hindered the donations. PM stated that although he and LR had decided to retract a previous application for funding to the Dornoch Common Good Fund (due to the fact the event had enough money to go ahead this year) it was something that the Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party (DHSP) should look at in future, albeit at different funding avenues. It was reiterated that DHSP would potentially benefit from funding from the BID should they be interested.	LR
iii.	EDF Energy Awaiting bill still.	PM
iv.	Cup Box to the Highlands BG has reached out but has not heard back yet. Will continue to pursue.	BG
v.	Competition to rename MUGA – Suggested by JM via DACIC PM had asked for Dornoch Area Community Interest Company's (DACIC) opinion as it is their project at the last DACIC meeting where they stated they would think about it. PM will approach again to see if there has been an update.	PM
vi.		
vii.	Calendar of Events N/A	КТ
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	\perp

i. 6.	DADCA Regulatory & Compliance - Appendix 5.8a - Dornoch Community Garden Rules DADCA Regulatory & Compliance - Appendix 5.8b - Dornoch Community Garden Tenancy Agreement All documentation has recently been updated via Kate Robinson and uploaded online by LR. Change of contact from Kate Robinson to Watson Bell. FUNDING APPLICATIONS Hogmanay Street Party As above, PM stated that the HSP may need funding for next year.	LR LR
	MEMBERSHIP	
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
	CURRENT BUILDING	
	Dornoch Community Centre Update: PAT testing – Completed with many thanks to Gerald Holdsworth. He has stated that there is a few more bits to do which he will undertake once he starts work on the upgrading of the projector system and racking. PEL – Completed.	
	Dishwasher – DG had asked Kenny (KM) to show him what Technfix showed him. DG stated he has not yet found a mutually agreeable time to meet and discuss. Cellar – Emptying is not a requirement as the space would not lend itself well to storage due to the damp and potential for wildlife to get in and make itself home.	DG
8.	Kenny (KM) – A discussion of payments and looking at hours and what is done on a weekly basis was had. DG commented that potentially the part of the problem with the DADCA finances is staffing for what previously used to be volunteer led roles. PM questioned if it was worth getting a cleaner who could potentially be quicker and perhaps cheaper. LR commented that having KM as the caretaker has been invaluable as he has sorted out many issues that she would not be able to from Tain without driving through, and he is in the building to help a lot, especially with the bigger bookings and keeps LR updated on these. DADCA will now look at the running costs in general and discuss their findings with KM. DG questioned if DADCA should discuss with Kenny now or wait until the EDF bill to get a full scope of the financial burden over the winter. PM suggested that the issue would remain regardless of the electricity costs and that they should engage in conversation with KM sometimes over the next four weeks.	DG & PM
	Fire Emergency Sign – In Progress via Chubb, LR has contacted for a new sign and will chase up. DG will get the current one which is broken fixed in the meantime.	LR & DG
	Labelling of Remotes in AV Cupboard – DG has met with Gerald Holdsworth (GH) who has procured most of the equipment that he needs to update the projector free of charge. There are some minor bits which will need paying for, but this can be split against various groups within DADCA and potentially DADCA itself. GH will require KM's scaffolding for some installation to be carried out safely. GH had also stated he was looking at lowering the loft hatch so that it would be at the correct height and allow for easier access. He also wants to simplify the wiring and would like a 13amp socket and a ceiling socket for the remaining projector. When discussing the TV in the coffee lounge (donated on behalf of DG & BG) he also suggested a 13amp socket and a permanent HDMI cable. BB also commented that it would be nice for small ad hoc film evenings with only 15-20 people. This can then be patched through the system. DG will get pricing. Once that is done, the remotes can be labelled.	DG & BB

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	Kitchen Upgrades – Hob & Instant Hot Water Tap. PM has organised to meet with Jimmy Anderson (JA) tomorrow (9 th January) to discuss the tap and hob, DG will join. DG stated that the hot water taps that are more affordable are based on tank reservoirs which is not what DADCA want to pursue. LM had also reached out to JA regarding the hob and had asked for a price based on a replacement (like for like) and a larger hob (6 rings instead of 4). A double socket in the Main Hall (by the door) is needing to be fixed as only one side is working, PM & DG to ask Jimmy Anderson to fix it tomorrow.	PM & DG
	FINANCE	
	Finance Update Finance Update - still have money but are still making a loss. PM & DG will meet to work out how much of a loss there is annually. Insurance – LR to chase with urgency and send a list of those who do not have insurance and	PM & DG
	send the list through to PM & DG for consideration of the insurance and how much it would cost.	
9.	Rookkaapar: DM appaulaged that Lies Dingwell has regioned her position as healthcores for	LR
	Bookkeeper: PM announced that Lisa Dingwall has resigned her position as bookkeeper for DADCA for several reasons. It was agreed that DADCA will approach Paula White who is a	
	qualified bookkeeper to question whether she would be interested in taking over the role. This was agreed and as PM knows her well, he shall ask. However, after the meeting LR offered to take on the role on a probationary basis and the Chair and Treasurer were happy to accept this offer so no approach to Paula will be made at least at present.	PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	Update Carboot sales will return in April 2024 and be the last Saturday of the month. These carboots will focus on recycled products with an emphasis on the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' mindset.	JR & PR
	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	Update Outdoor community markets will return in 2024. The dates are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month which are: 8 and 22 May, 12 and 26 June, 10 and 24 July, 14 and 28 August, 11 & 25 September. PM will require help to get the gazebos up when he is not there to do the set up and commented that MG has been a great help with the set up and that LM has been a fantastic support with putting up the signage.	РМ
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	Update on Bookings A booking for watching the darts final was rather loud and resulted in several noise complaints passed on by another member of the community. The booking went on until 11pm but it was questioned whether there should be an earlier cut off for loud music. LR will investigate the current regulatory and compliance for when the cut offs are and amend the DADCA policy if required. LR also stated there is a decibel level that bookers should not go above and how this is measured. A brief discussion regarding decibel readers was had but the issue would be where this reading is taken from and if it is relevant since this is the first noise complaint that some members can remember DADCA receiving. PM questioned if everything else had been followed to which LR stated it had. Another issue has been the use of the Cinema Club chairs which are not to be used under any circumstances as they do not belong to DADCA and have in fact been used and been put away incorrectly back in the cupboard and the way they have been stacked has hindered the ability to get to the tables. LR will reiterate that the Cinema Club chairs are not to be used out with the	LR
	Cinema Club.	
	SUBCOMMITTEES/VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE	1
	AOCB	

13.	DADCA Members Comments: PM raised the Dornoch Community Resilience Group (DCRG) and their equipment which will need sorting out upstairs. PM & DG will speak to Charles Minall to sort out everything out as there are concerns some of the equipment may be out of date. LR will pass on the latest DCRG equipment and procedure sheet onto PM & DG.	LR, DG & PM
	JM questioned the van and how long it would stay and if it was functional. PR noted it had at least one flat tyre from when he had to move it at a previous carboot sale. PM also stated it is registered in Mark Frasers name and would ask him what DADCA should do with it.	
	CLOSING	
	The meeting was called to an end at: 8:32pm	
	Date of Next Meeting will 12th February, 2024 at 7 PM: Dornoch Community Centre	