



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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 – 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), 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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Lou Rollason

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 – 11th 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 AOCB)		
4.		
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 incentive for the pipe band to appear for future years as it was clear it was a bigger draw than 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	KT
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	

	<p>Kitchen Upgrades – Hob & Instant Hot Water Tap. PM has organised to meet with Jimmy Anderson (JA) tomorrow (9th 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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	PM & DG
	FINANCE	
9.	<p>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.</p> <p>Insurance – LR to chase with urgency and send a list of those who do not have insurance and send the list through to PM & DG for consideration of the insurance and how much it would cost.</p> <p>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.</p>	PM & DG LR PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	<p>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.</p>	JR & PR
	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	PM
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	<p>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.</p> <p>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 Cinema Club.</p>	LR
	SUBCOMMITTEES/VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE	
	AOCB	

13.	<p>DADCA Members</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>LR, DG & PM</p> <p>PM</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was called to an end at: 8:32pm</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting will 12th February, 2024 at 7 PM: Dornoch Community Centre</p>		