



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

11th March 2024

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA)
held at Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) on Monday, 11th March 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), Bridget Goskirk, Mike Grist, Jimmy Melville, Jim McGillivray,

ABSENT

Paddy Murray (Treasurer), Kim Tewnion (Secretary), Lucy Moir, Bill Buchanan, Jerry Horack, Jaen Rowland

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Lou Rollason

VISITING

N/A

WELCOME & APOLOGIES		
1.	The Chair (DG) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from PM, LM, KT, JR & PR	
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 PM sent a report stating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have sold our first plot and received £87,500. So at least the project to date is now significantly in the black. Phew! • We have transferred the slip of land to Highland Council so they can build the path they need to fulfil our last planning condition. • We originally believed that it would be better to sell the plots unserviced, but as the one plot we have sold has had considerable trouble arranging services and because we believe there should be economies of scale in at least transferring all the services (i.e. water, sewage, electricity and phone) across the road, we are pursuing this matter with SSEN and Scottish Water. Once we have a cost estimate we shall ask the Board to approve the expense if we believe it makes sense. <p>DG wanted to extend his and all of DADCA's thanks to PM for his incredibly dedicated and persistent work on the matter. It is much appreciated.</p> <p>JMc stated there was a rough estimate of £20,000 for servicing.</p>	PM
ii.	EDF Energy There was a concern about the energy costs due to estimated readings but upon receiving the bill DADCA are actually in credit and in a better position than expected.	PM
iii.	Community Resilience Group PM was to discuss with Charles.	
iv.	Van Ask Mark Fraser what to do with the van on his return.	
v.	Calendar of Events N/A - KT not present.	KT
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE – ATTACHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
i.	Articles of Association List of Directors - to be updated for 2024. Confirmation Statement (Companies House) – Is an update needed? - Request from KT. Accounts - 2023 - to be submitted for 2024 so change discussion to September. Double check with PM.	LR & PM

	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
6.	RDGC Community Fund Submitted on behalf of the Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party & the Dornoch Community Centre kitchen upgrades.	LR
	MEMBERSHIP	
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
	CURRENT BUILDING	
8.	<p>Dornoch Community Centre Update: Dishwasher – An external source stated they had no problems with the dishwasher.</p> <p>Kitchen upgraded - PM stated: Callum Smart and Jimmy Anderson will go ahead hopefully next week with the new water system in the kitchen if the Board approves the project. My vote is to go ahead because I think we need to retain and hopefully increase our users over the next 2-3 years even if the project to build a new community centre is successful. Although we are losing money we have enough cash resources to keep going for that time and we hope that a new community centre will increase revenue more than costs in the future although this will need a rigorous assessment in due course.</p> <p>DG stated that it is required to be agreed as a board although DG & PM have agreed in principle. The cost all in is roughly £3000. This includes changing and replacing of the water tanks and electrically requires updating of sockets and improved wiring. From different funding pots it would appear that £2000 should be covered.</p> <p>There was a discussion from BB about a potential investment from the cinema club. This was a greatly appreciated offer. JMc stated that the ward discretionary fund was available soon for up to £1000. LR to keep an eye on and apply when it is open.</p> <p>Kenny - Not a current issue but potentially something that needs to be discussed in the future.</p> <p>AV Cupboard – on hold until the electrical work is done and Gerald Holdsworth is ready.</p> <p>Cleanliness - BG has very kindly taken on cleaning the kitchen floor once a week and will keep the dishwasher fully stocked and empty the fridge. LR suggested fees for regular messes. Floor cleaning, fridge emptying, dish washing etc. DADCA members to think on this moving forward.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>DG</p> <p>BB & LR</p>
	FINANCE	
9.	<p>Finance Update Finance Update - DADCA wished to thank St Finnbarr's Charity Shop for their incredibly generous donation of £1000.</p>	PM
	CARBOOT SALES	
10.	<p>Update Carboot sales will return on 27th April 2024 & will focus on recycled products.</p>	
	OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET	
11.	<p>Update Dates 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.</p>	PM
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
12.	<p>Update on Bookings Issues with leaving the hall in the state hall users come into - discussion on if the board wish to raise the rent of the hall.</p>	LR

	SUBCOMMITTEES/VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE	
	AOCB	
13.	DADCA Members Comments: N/A	
	CLOSING	
	The meeting was closed at: 20:15	
Date of Next Meeting will 8th April, 2024 at 7:30 PM: Dornoch Community Centre		