

MINUTES 14TH APRIL 2025

Minutes of meeting of Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA) held at the Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) on Monday, 14th April, at 7:30pm

MEMBERS OF THE DADCA BOARD:

Donald Goskirk - Chair - DG Paddy Murray - Treasurer - Kim Tewnion - Secretary - KT

PM

Bill Buchanan - BB Jerry Horack - JH Lucy Moir - LM Bridget Goskirk - BG Jimmy Melville – JM Jaen Rowland - JR

Mike Grist – MG Jim McGillivray – JMc

PRESENT Donald Goskirk (Chair), Paddy Murray (Treasurer), Bridget Goskirk, Jimmy

Melville, Jim McGillivray, Jean Rowland, Peter Rowland, Lucy Moir

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

MINUTES Lou Rollason

VISITING Lisa Dickenson (Cinema Club)

	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.	Apologies were received from: BB, MG & JH.	
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	MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	
2.	Approval of Minutes – 10 th March 2025 Proposed by: PM and seconded by LM.	
	VISITORS	
3.	Representative from: Cinema Club	
i.	Lisa Dickenson	
	MATTERS ARISING (& THOSE CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, INCLUDING AOCB)	
4.		
	Bishopsfield Land: Update: Good news and bad news. The good is that the money has gone through for one of the plots but the sale for one of the others has fallen through. There are three remaining plots with one expected to sell in May.	
	BG noted that when she was at the new plots the 'For Sale' sign had fallen down and landed at the playpark. PM had retrieved this and put it back.	PM
i.	LR to share the Rightmove link on the FB page. LR to share the link for the Community Housing as well. PM will chase as he doesn't expect they are being pushed much due to losing a staff member.	LR
	DG asked if there were any more costs to be expected and PM stated that phone lines (£700) are to be expected and suggested that DADCA swallow the cost. He is also hoping that there will be a rebate on the electricity as a lot has been spent on this.	PM
	BG asked about the local plots (the low cost plots to be sold at no profit) and PM said there was 2 of these left as 3 have been purchased.	
ii.	Calendar of Events In progress for 2025 – LR & BG will work on this. LR has created an A3 version for the year.	BG (
5.	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE	
	Available on Google Drive	
i.	DADCA Policies 5 – 5.7	
	5. <u>Booking Form</u>	
	5.1. Booking Confirmation	
	5.2. Terms & Conditions of Hire	
	5.3. Hall User Pack	
	5.4. Emergency Plan Graphic	LR
	5.5. Health & Safety Terms	
	5.6. Emergency Plan Handout	
	5.7. Community Centre Floor Plan	
	LR asked for members to check the links within the documents as the regulatory and compliance	
	documents have moved from the website to Google Drive.	

	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
	Grants/Funding Opportunities: N/A	
	Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) – The fund will let applicants who submitted Expressions of	
	Interest know if they can apply at the end of April.	
6.	microst know it they can apply at the one of April.	JMc
	DG confirmed he has submitted an EOI. He also approached the Dornoch Area Community Council	
	for match funding and they were open to this.	
	MEMBERSHIP	
	Membership applications: N/A	
7.		
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
	CURRENT BUILDING	
	Dornoch Community Centre Update:	
	Heating/Energy: As above; DG has put in an EOI for the CRF which will determine if this gets carried out. Some small changes with LED lighting have been updated in the hall.	
	AV Cupboard: In progress. Gerald Holdsworth (GH) has had some issues with the PC used to upgrade the system.	
	The hearing loop system was brought up and confirmed to be working in the main Hall. LR mentioned that there is a group who occasionally use the Struie room but as it doesn't have a hearing loop they must use the main hall. LR confirmed that she charges the Struie room price for	
	use of the main hall as it doesn't fit their need and the board were happy with this arrangement.	
8.	Hall Re-varnishing: Set for the 25 th & 26 th of April. The code will be changed for updated security measures. No access allowed under any circumstances. LR to email upcoming users about the change.	LR
l	Storage: In progress. The red chairs are now in the Ben Bhraggie room. They are no longer used by the Cinema Club so DADCA will look at what to do with them.	
	Disabled Parking Space: LR to bring in the yellow paint.	
	New tables: LR put in application to RDGC. This application was successful for £250 to help with the purchase of tables if need be. DG & BG had a look at the tables at the school which were free to a good home. DADCA now have several benches and a few circular tables also. The benches may work well for people to put things. DG will order a couple of bigger tables with the funding and invoice DADCA.	
	WiFi: The WiFi is unstable. LR is trying to log into the PlusNet service but cannot. She will speak to KT about passwords and login etc.	
	NEW BUILD	
	Meeting on 26 th March:	
9.	Update - The question was raised of "if we carry on with a new Community Centre" and for the moment the vote was to continue to keep working on the aim of a new Community Centre. It was a positive meeting.	PM
	Design for lighting and storage space were the key take away points.	
	FINANCE	
10.	Finance Update Finance Update - PM stated that DADCA have a £-10,000 which is after transferring 'Repairs & Maintenance' from the Community Centre to the New Build.	PM
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£10,000 from Cinema Club and £6,000 from Fibre Festival. This has solved the immediate problem as the Community Centre is now £4000. LD had stated to PM that there are still 3 years where DADCA will continue to lose money, but PM stated he had ideas up his sleeve. PM's next step would be to invite DACIC to join DADCA in this New Community Centre project. Then looking at the larger groups in the community (Cathedral, Free Church, ESRA) etc about what they think about a new Community Centre and then from there would get a sub-committee going to choose architects etc. DADCA would then ask the community what they would like and if they like the idea and then that would steer where the new Community Centre go. At that point, this would be when DADCA would need more money and would like to do more events and raise more funds. PM would like to wait until there is more enthusiasm for the idea and it is not so far off. LD noted that although expenses are being addressed, DADCA need to look at where their other expenses are. PM stated we should be in the order of making £18,000 in the next three years. PM is also looking at gilts and interest from the sale of the new builds which will go into the running costs of the current building. PM said the groups are all in good condition. **CARBOOT SALES** Update Update on the first Carboot of the year: JR stated it was really good, really great in the kitchen. Used 11. the ovens instead of the foremans which worked even better. The next one is the 10th May. LD mentioned that she hadn't seen any advertising for this. **OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET** Update Resuming in May (14th). DG asked if PM had his volunteers this year but PM mentioned that most are 12. PM bringing their own items and minimal set up and take down was required. **BOOKINGS/EVENTS Update on Bookings** JM Scrabble Club Update: In progress. Will stay on the agenda. 13. LR Website Update: Website updated. LR will ask the groups to update their own pages. **AOCB DADCA Members Comments:** 14. N/A. **CLOSING** The meeting was closed at: Date of Next Meeting will be 12th May, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club)