



DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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 Guskirk – Chair – DG

Paddy Murray – Treasurer –
PM

Kim Tewnion – Secretary – KT

Bill Buchanan - BB
Bridget Guskirk - BG
Mike Grist – MG

Jerry Horack - JH
Jimmy Melville – JM
Jim McGillivray – JMc

Lucy Moir - LM
Jaen Rowland - JR

PRESENT

Donald Guskirk (Chair), Paddy Murray (Treasurer), Bridget Guskirk, Jimmy Melville, Jim McGillivray, Jean Rowland, Peter Rowland, Lucy Moir

ABSENT

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

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Lou Rollason

VISITING

Lisa Dickenson (Cinema Club)

	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	
6.	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. DG confirmed he has submitted an EOI. He also approached the Dornoch Area Community Council for match funding and they were open to this.	JMc
	MEMBERSHIP	
7.	Membership applications: N/A	
i.	Affiliated Group applications: N/A	
	CURRENT BUILDING	
8.	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. Hall Re-varnishing: Set for the 25th & 26th 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. 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.	LR
	NEW BUILD	
9.	Meeting on 26th March: 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. Design for lighting and storage space were the key take away points.	PM
	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

	£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	
11.	Update Update on the first Carboot of the year: JR stated it was really good, really great in the kitchen. Used 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	
12.	Update Resuming in May (14th). DG asked if PM had his volunteers this year but PM mentioned that most are bringing their own items and minimal set up and take down was required.	PM
	BOOKINGS/EVENTS	
13.	Update on Bookings Scrabble Club Update: In progress. Will stay on the agenda. Website Update: Website updated. LR will ask the groups to update their own pages.	JM LR
	AOCB	
14.	DADCA Members Comments: 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)		