Minutes

Dornie & District Community Council Meeting via Zoom 29th March 2021 7pm

**Present:** Fay MacKenzie, Isabelle MacKenzie, Alison Jack, Janice Nixon, Alison MacRae, Donald MacRae, Cllr. Biz Campbell, Karen Blair (member of the public), Roz Birch (member of the public), Mackenzie Sutherland;

**Apologies;** Doe MacRae

Previous minutes dated 25/01/2021 were approved.

* Committee welcomed KB and RB to the meeting and introductions were made to KB who hadn’t been to a meeting before.
* Treasurers report given from IM – IM confirmed all outstanding payments had been paid and current bank balance is £1005.42. IM suggested to the council that after all cheques had cleared that we change from RBS to The Bank of Scotland. All members agreed - ACTION IM

MacKenzie Sutherland joined meeting

* Roads Report – Mack was able to give us an update on the various road works in Dornie. Work on the Bundalloch road is due to commence in a couple of weeks. Mack said they were waiting for the arrival on a planer and for the weather to improve. The road from Bundalloch to Lochside will have the major works with the worst areas getting planed then re surfaced and areas where drainage is required will be addressed. The road from Lochside to Lagg will get overlay were needed and the drainage problem at the bottom of the Dornie Lodges will be fixed. Mack will let FM/AJ know exact dates for when work will start. ACTION AJ – FB post
* The stone retaining wall at Caberfeidh, Lagg is still being monitored weekly with no major structural damage noted. There is a works request in for the seawall to be armoured. The bridge at Lochside is not structurally being affected and is also being monitored. There date yet set for work on these matters. Mack agreed that the Dornie road in general was in bad condition and for a number of years the work has been needed. Mack said the Ardelve depot was due to be getting a hot tar machine which BC confirmed.
* Karen Blair joined our meeting to bring to the attention of the CC the poor condition of the path leading to the underpass from Brookside, and the underpass itself. FM asked Mack who owned the ground but Mack wasn’t 100% and said he would confirm with BEAR. The condition of the underpass has deteriorated significantly since the clean-up and mural painting a couple of years ago. The sludge has gathered up again and the paint work, more predominantly the roof, has started to peel off. It was suggested that all surfaces be peeled back and re painted again using a waterproof based paint, although Mack said there should be no leakage coming from the road above to cause this. No work was agreed upon for the moment and Mack said he would bring all points to the attention of appropriate persons.

Karen also brought up the strip of land at the Community garden closest to Brookside and Mack said he was happy to meet with Karen and Alison to discuss.

* Village Tidy up - FM spoke about a project due to start in Dornie in the coming weeks. FM had met with Mark, who has already been doing projects in Kyle, last week and walked round the village with him. He plans on a general tidy up around the village - tidying up the grass areas and large planters, paint the bollards and lampposts, power wash stone areas etc. ACTION – AJ to put out FB post for welcomed volunteers
* After previous discussions about the road verges coming into Dornie village to prevent cars parking, it was agreed that posts would be put in and rope tied in-between rather than rocks/bollards/yellow lines as previous suggested.
* The ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ scheme where you can buy an old phone box for £1 was discussed. Committee members thought it could maybe be used for blessing box or heart start machine etc. AJ said she would check the online form etc for applying. ACTION – AJ to find out more info.
* Covid Grant – The Covid grant from Highland Council in Spring 2020 was still to be allocated after being donated back for electrical work. After discussion on where best to use it, the committee agreed the grant should be put towards the public toilets. This would supply extra cleaning materials and toiletry provisions for the public and community using the toilets.
* FM gave a brief report about the seaweed farm meeting she had attended on 10/03/2021 online via Zoom. The seaweed farm planning permission is still pending. The meeting took questions from local residents about various queries and concerns.
* The recent Waste Disposal meeting that took place online was spoken about. No CC members were able to attend the online meeting, although BC was in attendance and had sent our apologies, we were disappointed that Dornie CC apologies had not been recorded in meeting minutes. BC reported that a new Summer Ranger has been appointed for the area to help prevent and control the issues previously encountered last summer in the local and surrounding areas. The location for the caravan waste disposal was discussed by committee members. FM suggested a section of land at the Auchtertyre Business park which BC said belonged to HC so could be a potential site. BC said it has been an ongoing topic of discussion within the Kyle Collaborations Group and said Susan Walker, Chair of the group, would be best to get in touch with. ACTION – FM to get in in touch with Susan Walker for update on waste disposal plans.
* The Dornie and District profile in the recent Community news magazine was a success. The profile covered various topics about the village and proved to be very interesting. FM and village residents who put pieces together were thanked by the committee for their hard work.
* Aird Ferry was briefly discussed and we hope to get a date soon for the opening of the centre after it being closed for the past 12 months due to Covid-19.

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1. FM informed members that Highland Council recently put forward a proposal to the Dornie Hall Committee about ownership and running of the public toilets.
2. An online virtual show asking the Dornie community what they want for their village will take place in the next few months if there is any interest shown.
3. A beach clean is due to take place in Dornie on the 29th & 30th of May, organised by Roz Birch. Information about this will be shared on our community Facebook page and a poster will be put up in Dornie Shop.

Date of next meeting is 24th May at 7PM via Zoom