**Dornie & District Community Council Meeting via Zoom 24th August 2020 7pm**

Present: Fay Mackenzie (Chair), Alison Jack (Secretary), Stella Baker (Treasurer), Tibby Mackenzie (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies; Doe Macrae, Janice Nixon

Previous minutes dated 27/7/20 were approved

* **SB** gave the Treasurer’s report. The £100 grant for electricity for the Blessing Box had been approved and our annual grant of £450 had been transferred. The total in the account is £1211.00
* **FM** reported that the toilets at Dornie Hall would continue to be cleaned (as before pre-covid) once a day. The cleaner has full PPE.
* Nonach Estate Proposed Harvesting. The CC had been contacted by the Galbraith Group as “the estate are proposing to fell the woodland situated on the Killilan road at the head of Loch long. The woodland on the west will be felled completely to be replanted with native Scots pine and broadleaves. The smaller woodland on the east will be thinned to remove the non-native Sitka spruce and larch. We have contacted the Highland Council roads department about the extraction of timber along the Killilan road as we know this is a sensitive route that can get very busy. We are still waiting on a response as to how we manage this, in the meantime it would be great to get some feedback from the local community on their thoughts about this and any suggestions on how the timber movement is controlled would be greatly appreciated” **ACTION FM** to contact Kenny \_and Leah Mackay to ask if this can be put into the Sallachy newsletter for…
* Local Area Profile for community newsletter. **FM** reported that the CC had been asked by the Lochalsh Collaboration for input into a local area profile article for the Dornie & District area. All agreed we could help with ..but ..
* Disposal units for campervans and motorhomes. **FM** said that there was great need for disposal units in the local area to ensure visitors leave no trace and dispose of their waste in the correct manner. **ALL AGREED. ACTION AJ** to write to Highland Council to ask if the council have any plans in process for disposal units; **AJ** to contact the Campervan & Motorhome Professional Association to see they can assist the CC in any way; **AJ** to forward information to local CC’s to raise awareness
* Signatories for CC bank account. **SB** reported that she was moving away on the 30th September 2020 and would therefore be resigning as Treasurer. **FM** asked if **AJ** she could be a signatory. **FM** proposed we ask the rest of the CC if anyone else could take over as Treasurer **ACTION AJ** to email the rest of the CC. **ACTION AJ** to contact Dot Ferguson (Senior Ward Manager) to ask advice if no-one volunteers and the procedure to follow *as a quorum of 7 is needed*. **ALL AGREED.**
* Dornie.org.uk website and CC facebook page. General discussion on the CC web presence. **AJ** reported that the Dornie.org.uk website was lacking in that files/photos can only be uploaded if under 500kb each. **AJ** proposed upgrading the website. **ALL AGREED. AJ** to contact spanglefish to find out costs and what the improvements would be. ***AJ*** *asked the committee on thoughts of do’s and don’ts of posts on the CC facebook page. ALL AGREED we must remain impartial, to turn off comments on our posts so that questions are directed back to the CC email address (??)*
* Highlands Small Communties Housing Trust. **FM** reported that they were looking for members. **ALL AGREED** to ask to be kept on their mailing list only. **ACTION AJ** to email the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust.
* Aird Ferry. AJ reported that Kate Earnshaw had replied to the CC - *“There is currently no set date for Aird Ferry day services to reopen. We have been asked to look at how this can be remobilised in light of COVID 19, social distancing etc. This inevitably will mean we cannot have the same numbers accessing the unit and potentially will reduce individual numbers down to 3 max due to the staff being present also. Recent documents out from NHSH and Scottish Gov are suggesting we look at virtual day services for some attendees as clearly transporting folk will be a significant challenge as we can only have 2 people in the minibus with the driver, if an escort is required only 1. There is a need to look at the options available to us e.g. more outreach for example and also to revisit the community options as discussed in the consultation meetings which clearly came to a halt due to the pandemic. There are implications around this as we cannot resume the service as was in light of all the current restrictions and infection prevention and control guidance”.* **ALL AGREED** *that the CC should offer assistance to Aird Ferry users to ensure the service can be safely re-started as soon as possible e.g. we could help organise volunteers to help transport users to Aird Ferry in the first instance*. **ACTION AJ** to write to Kate Earnshaw
* *Tim sowood - yes*
* AOCB *holiday homes , aj to email planning as this was previously marked as affordable housing?*

Re :Outstanding painting of white lines - Cllr Biz Campbell was following this up so await outcome

*SB milk bottles?*

**SB** asked **AJ** for list of stationery costs for reimbursement. **ACTION AJ.**

FM thanked SB on behalf of the whole committee for her time and commitment to the CC over the last four years and that she will be greatly missed by us all.

Date of next meeting 26th October 2020 7pm via Zoom