**Dornie & District Community Council**

**26th September 2022 7pm at Dornie Hall MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Biz Campbell; Karen Macrae; Alison Macrae (Vice-chair); Roz Birch (member of the public/Senior Ranger HC); Alison Jack (secretary); Donald Macrae; Rev Fred Vincent (Church of Scotland)

Apologies: Matt Baron; Fay Mackenzie ; Tibby Mackenzie; Sgt Graham Cameron (Police); Janice Nixon; Linda Brooks

* Last minutes of meeting 8th September 2022 submitted for approval - Approved by AM and KM.
* Financial report from treasurer. FM sent her apologies.
* KM reported that the Kyle & Lochalsh Community event at Dornie Hall on 24/9 was well attended and the Dornie & District Community Trust (shop project) made £1600 from catering the event. KLCT are looking for volunteer drivers for the community bus.
* HANDRAILS: KM reported that she had been in touch with Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association community liason with regard to having handrails as a planning gain from Aird Ferry to the village. KM is being emailed the plans and she could mark on them potential sites for the handrails. ALL AGREED. AJ reported that Julie Wileman (Highland Council) had emailed the cc back (circulated to cc) with some funding suggestions but it depends whose land it is. RB said if it is Highland Council then we could get in touch with the Roads or Amenties departments. ACTION KM to find out who owns the land from Aird ferry to the village
* ROADS: JN had forwarded AJ her actions from the previous meeting. JN had spoken to Andy Bone (HC), he is not able to meet at the moment due to his workload but will check JN’s list and get back to her. BC reported that the Killilan road had been resurfaced. AJ reported that there had been no reply yet from Transport Scotland re speed survey.
* PARKING OUTSIDE DORNIE HOTEL. JN reported that she had spoken to Neilie at the Dornie Hotel. They are going to check the website and update if necessary and encourage guests to park at the rear of the hotel when they check-in. Neilie also said “*On the parking issue with possible pontoons I said at the meeting that parking would be an issue but that it would be a sign of the hopeful success of shop/pontoon and part of moving “forward” and need to be dealt with down the line. As we spoke about, as much a problem is with local people using as residential parking but quite understandable and also a lot park there and walk to the castle rather than pay when visiting. In all that, I’m not trying to make a particular point, just saying a tricky problem but happy to try to help.”* KM said on behalf of both the Dornie & District Community Trust (shop project) and the Pontoon project they are aware of the parking need and will address it.
* FV joined the meeting at 1930hrs, welcomed and introductions made. FV said that he had joined Glenelg, Kintail & Lochalsh parish eighteen months ago. His parish covers seven community council areas and had come to the cc meeting to say “hello”.
* OVERFLOW PARKING from Eilean Donan. JN reported that she had not spoken to Miranda (Conchra Trust) yet, awaiting a reply to her email. AJ reported that GC had emailed the cc 12/9 he has “ *passed on to the Kyle Sergeant, Neil Graham, the concerns about the use of the overflow car park at Eilean Donan castle and staff training. I’m sure he’ll task someone with speaking to David Win”*
* TIDY UP PROJECT. JN had emailed various companies for quotes on benches + delivery. Costs about £300 without delivery. One quote for delivery was £800. JN will give update at next meeting when all comparison responses back. AJ reported that there had been a few responses back , mostly via email to cc. General discussion on dates, ALL AGREED Wednesday 26th October to tackle cleaning of underpass wall . ACTION AJ to advertise/reply to volunteers. DM said that a member of the public said there was a need for dog bins in Ardelve. RB said that she had been in touch with Angus Macfarlane (Waste Management, Highland Council) about this subject last year. HC are phasing out specific dog bins, bins are now duel purpose for litter & dog mess. General discussion on other parts of cc area in need of dog bins. ACTION RB to ask Highland Council if we can have an extra bin at Carr Brae and in Ardelve.
* GC had sent the cc via email an update on behalf of the Police. “*I spoke to Mhairi MacDonald (education) about the discrepancy into what information schools were sharing with parents about the aftermath of incidents such as these (Auchtertyre sharing a leaflet on what to say if asked questions about shootings etc by a child). She will look into it. I will continue to monitor dates for court appearances, the release of the PIRC report etc and feed back to the chair for sharing*.” POLICE INCIDENTS OF NOTE:
  + 11 September – 19 year old female with mental health issues went missing from a licensed premises in Dornie. Found on the shore after a search. Soaking wet and too much to drink. Ambulance contacted.
  + 17 September – male sadly died after falling whilst climbing Sgurr na Forcan, Kintail and Glenelg MRT located him and remains recovered with the assistance of helicopter
  + 19 September - Female climbing seven sisters fell and broke her wrist – assistance given
* AJ reported that the cc had had not yet received replies from Transport Scotland with regard to both the A87 speed survey and the path between Ardelve and Nostie. AJ said that RB had suggested contacting Mark Crowe (Access Officer,Active Travel, HC) after the last meeting. His reply:” *The majority of paths that our team are involved in are remote from the adopted public road, and comprise a gravel or stone dust surface. There are some core paths that use roadside footways for part of their route, but generally these are already established. We don’t have any budget for establishing paths, but try to assist communities in identifying grant funding*.*I’m happy to be involved in discussions, but primarily if it’s alongside the A87 then it’s a matter for the Trunk Road Authority.So far as funders are concerned, there’s Transport Scotland themselves (David Devine), and if you look to make the route an active travel path (walking and cycling) then Sustrans are worth approaching.The council have an active travel team, but not sure how involved they get if it’s on the trunk road.Happy to be kept in the loop*” ACTION AJ to contact SUSTRANS and BC also suggested contacting Malcolm Macleod (HC) ACTION AJ.
* AJ had received a new sign from Lucky2BeHerefor the defib at Dornie Shop. AJ said there had been no reply yet from HC re:fencing surrounding the central grass area at Lochside
* Date of next meeting . As the next scheduled meeting falls on Halloween it was agreed to have the next meeting on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7pm Dornie Hall.