**Dornie & District Community Council**

**8th September 2022 7pm at Dornie Hall MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Biz Campbell ; Karen Macrae; Alison Macrae (Vice-chair); Linda Brooks (member of the public); Janice Nixon (Chair); Alison Jack (secretary); Sgt Graham Cameron (Police ,Portree)

Apologies: Matt Baron; Donald Macrae; Fay Mackenzie; Tibby Mackenzie

* The scheduled ordinary meeting on 29/8/22 could not go ahead as there weren’t enough cc members to form a quorum.
* Last minutes of meetings submitted for approval (ordinary meeting in June & extraordinary meeting in July) Approved by AM and KM
* Financial report from treasurer. Balance on 19/8/2022 £1753.4. The cc annual grant had been received 29/6/22 ( £451.91)
* The cc were saddened to learn of the death of Queen Elizabeth II today and our send condolences.
* Incident 10th August 2022
	+ GC was welcomed to the meeting and introductions made. GC explained that the local Inspector, Ross McCartney and GC were keen to meet with the Community council in the aftermath of the tragic events and discuss anything that the Police and Highland Council can do to assist. GC said there will be two independent reviews (after police contact & crown investigation as firearms involved) GC explained that his stage of the incident is now phrased “return to normality”. HC had been in touch with Alison Maclennan (Head, Auchtertyre Primary) offering assistance. KM/AJ said that the other schools should be included and this had been highlighted at Police led ELG meetings. All agreed there were challenges ahead for the community (trial especially) AJ/JN/AM said that the cc recent coffee morning (Aird Ferry 27/8/22) had been well received and were asked by members of the public if more could be held. ALL AGREED **ACTION AJ** to organise for 1st October 2pm-4pm. GC said the Police were keen to re-instate attendance at CC meetings when possible **ACTION AJ** to include GC in cc distribution list for cc meetings
		- GC asked if there were any other concerns. General discussion on roads. KM said she had witnessed a near miss of four cars at Eilean Donan castle junction/near bus stop. ALL AGREED concern for lack of signage to new overflow parking **ACTION JN** to contact Conchra Trust.
		- JN asked if GC could pass from on the cc, on behalf of the community, our sincere thanks to the Police.
		- GC then thanked the CC and left the meeting at 1940hrs.
	+ The cc, on behalf of the community, wish to sincerely thank the ambulance service for all their expertise and professionalism on 10/8.
	+ AJ gave brief synopsis for the minutes: Fr Campbell opened St Duthacs on 13/8/22 for access to all 9am-5pm with Rev Fred Vincent and Rev Jane Whittell also in attendance; cc invited to Police Incident/ Care for People teams meeting on 10th Aug . In attendance were Police; NHS managers ;representatives from Sleat community, Police , Care at Home , Children's services and Highland council managers - cc advised on social media messaging; CC asked if our catchment schools could be linked in to advice following the incident. CC have had regular updates from these multi-agency meetings (AJ circulated to the rest of cc; updated cc facebook page and website). NHS Resilience Team suggested a leaflet drop of a NHS trauma leaflet in the village (done 12/8) and to consider the cc hold a drop-in teas/coffees (done 27/8) . Thanks to Kate Earnshaw/Neil Ingall NHS Highland for use of Aird Ferry and to HC for funding teas & coffees) CC wish to thank Dot Ferguson (Senior Ward Manager) and Mackenzie Sutherland (Ward 2 Manager) for their support to the cc at this unprecedented time.
* Roads. General discussion on poor signage in Dornie, often visitors are attempting to leave village via Brookside. . KM expressed concern for lack of dropped kerb near Dornie Hotel for access. **ACTION JN** to invite Andy Bone (Highland Council) for a review of the road signage. AJ and BC said that a member of public had asked them to raise with cc possibility of strategic handrails from the village to Aird Ferry (**ACTION AJ** to ask Julie Wileman (HC) for signposting to funding. BC suggested we contact Skye & Lochalsh Housing Association for a planning gain: **ACTION KM** Further discussion of road safety from castle to Dornie Hall. **ACTION AJ** to follow up with Transport Scotland when the review of the speed limit will be.
* Parking on pavement outside Dornie Hotel. **ACTION JN** to ask Dornie Hotel if they can encourage their patrons to park behind the hotel where possible. General discussion that with the future development of the shop and moorings, a review of the parking in the village could be included in their plans. **ACTION KM/AM**
* KM gave the shop update. The steering group have formed a company-officially now listed as Dornie & District Community Trust (DDCT); they are having an open meeting on 12/9. KM asked if poster could be uploaded to cc website ALL AGREED. **ACTION AJ/KM**. application for a bank account completed; shop acquisition is progressing, waiting on lawyers; they have updated Mrs Jenkins who is equally frustrated with the time things take -she has asked her solicitor to proceed with transfer as a gift to the community. KLCT is having an event in Dornie Hall on 24/9 with DDCT doing teas/coffees as a fundraiser. Funds needs to be raised for the completion of the handover, drawings for the renovations with the plan of including a coffee shop and community facilities. They will be looking at funders as well as local fundraising opportunities.
* AJ gave update on Tidy up project- volunteers tidied up flower beds 16/9. Outstanding jobs are:
	+ cleaning and possibly painting the underpass;
	+ re-furbish four old park benches as appropriate
	+ kiosk at Ardelve
	+ weedkiller on paving in centre of village
	+ **ACTION JN** to find out costings for new benches. **ACTION AJ** to post on Facebook asking for suitable dates for volunteers to sort underpass/kiosk jobs**. ACTION MB** re weedkiller
* Moorings update. MB sent his apologies
* LB gave the Community energy update. LB has been in contact with the Point and Sandwick Trust on Lewis and Calum MacDonald (development Manager) has agreed to come and speak to us about their projects, organisation, roadblocks and benefits. They have a community-owned wind farm (three turbines).  So in addition to Stephanie Remers  (North Highlands Climate Hub, Thurso) we now have two speakers.  North Highlands Climate hub have been assisting in Alness and Invergordon with the Climate Action Towns and are also working with Golspie currently on the Climate Action Coastlines project. Part of their remit is very much to assist communities with Climate Action Plans, place plans and to assist any community groups from new to established, to community councils to carry out community led climate action. Their remit is quite wide from simple signposting to assisting with design, development and delivery lending additional capacity. Next stage is to call a meeting of the new 'energy' subcommittee with the invited speakers with the purpose of exploring a wider community meeting to gauge initial interest and feedback on the project. LB registered with the Climate Action Nature Fund (funded by the National Lottery - applications taken all year round). Useful if we go down the route of a Climate Action Plan. **ACTION AJ** to invite members of the public (who had expressed interest) to join sub-committee and forward LB relevant email addresses once permission obtained, arrange zoom call when appropriate.
* Defibrillator situated at Dornie Shop. JN said that a number of avenues had been explored to move the defib whilst the shop is closed. In view that the batteries are still green, it is still operational and suggested it was kept in place and checked weekly. ALL AGREED .**ACTION JN** to do weekly check. **ACTION AJ** to make new poster for defib.
* Caroline Langlands emailed the cc 16/8 thanked the cc for their contribution towards her makaton training and offered the cc a taster session . JN suggested this could be arranged on a winters evening. **ACTION AJ** to contact Caroline to arrange.
* Path between Ardelve and Nostie. KM asked if this could be possible. BC suggested the cc contact David Devine (Transport Scotland ): **ACTION AJ**
* AJ said that there was a number of blocked street drains e.g. Ardelve opposite depot & at Brookside. **ACTION JN** to raise with Andy Bone (Highland Council)
* JN said that the fencing surrounding the central grass area at Lochside was in need of repairs. **ACTION AJ** to contact Rory Macleod (Highland Council)
* JN/AJ proposed the cc have monthly meetings, as a trial period until December, as the agendas have been lengthy. ALL AGREED
* The cc wish to congratulate Kinlochshiel Ladies team on their recent win at the Challenge Cup. **ACTION AJ** to write to Sandra Macrae.
* KM said that KLCT were holding a “Lochalsh Community Action Plan” event at Dornie Hall on 24/9 between 12-4pm. JN said she would not be able to attend. KM said it’s an open event and that the invitation will be going out publicly next week. KM asked if poster could go on cc facebook page/website*.* ALL AGREED **ACTION AJ/KM**
* Date of next meeting Monday 26th September at 7pm Dornie Hall.