**Minutes**

**Dornie & District Community Council**

**31st January 2022 7pm via zoom**

**Present**: Fay Mackenzie (Chair & Treasurer), Alison Macrae (vice-chair), Donald Macrae, Alison Jack (Secretary), Janice Nixon, Matthew Baron, Isabelle Mackenzie

**Apologies:** Doe Macrae, Karen Macrae, Mary Robb (member of the public)

* **Previous minutes** held 29/11/21 were agreed by MB & seconded by AM. The extraordinary meeting held on 13/1/22 via email, to agree change of name of the bank account from “Dornie Community Council” to “Dornie & District Community Council” were also agreed by all.
* **Treasurers statement**. FM reported that the account balance was £1649.75
* **Gaelic Medium transport** . The CC had an email from a member of the public to ask for support from the CC with regards to a dedicated minibus from Dornie & Loch Duich to Plockton Primary Gaelic Medium. At the moment only the high school bus is available (which is unsuitable for 4,5 &6yr olds) ; it’s a longer journey time as the children also have to transfer onto a smaller bus; eventually there will be 10 children needing transport. **ALL AGREED** in support of dedicated minibus**. ACTION BC** to raise issue with Iain Jackson Education Officer)
* **Roads Update**. a) Re: Transport Scotland email 14/1/22 : following the CC request for consideration to be given to the current 60 mph speed limit on the A87 in the vicinity of Eilean Donan Castle; Dornie Village and the Dornie Community Hall, the Strategic Road Safety team will review this area and conduct a survey of existing speeds on site. Richard Perry (Transport Scotland’s Road Safety Manager) will get back in touch. b) Re: Underpass email 28/1/22: FM reported that Fraser Struthers (BEAR) had been informed by Transport Scotland Bridges Manager that the footway through the underpass is the responsibility of the council and therefore the surfacing and drainage issues would be for them to address. **ACTION AJ** to write to Ian Moncrieff/Colin Howell. c) FM reported that the roadside scrub had been cut back from below Loch Dutch apartments giving better vision on entering and leaving Dornie Hall, thanks to Bear Scotland for dealing with this. Pot holes throughout the Dornie village filled in by hot tarring company.
* **Aird Ferry.** The CC welcomed the news that jobs had been advertised and a new manager (Neil Ingall) had been appointed and we would like to invite him to the next meeting. **ACTION AJ.**
* **Eilean Donan Castle Liquor Licence application- Update for the minutes .**16/12/21 CC notified by licencing of application. 3rd-5th January 2022 email exchange with cc members to discuss the application and all voted to object to the application. 5/1/22 AJ spoke to Licensing Guidance Officer for advice, confirming we had no grounds for refusal within HC licensing policy. 8/1/22 letter sent by CC to licensing board with the points that if the Castle acquires the liquor licence, the three licensed small businesses, already greatly impacted by the pandemic, will lose even more trade as tourists will bypass the village & there were also concerns of the increased risk and probability of having drivers on the road who are over the drink driving limit. The CC were therefore against the licence. 10/1/22 our letter was acknowledged, the application will be considered by the licensing board 22/2/22 and we were invited to submit further written submission by 14/1/22. 19/1/22 David Win (General Manager Eilean Donan) wrote to the CC (and five other members of the public who had also objected) to allay some of our concerns. 25/1/22 CC wrote to HC to ask if there had been historic restrictions on Eilean Donan, Iain Meridith (Clerk of Licensing Board) replied to say that there had been “no restrictions placed on alcohol licensing”. 26/1/22 email exchange with cc members with agreement that there was no further information we could provide to the Licensing Board.
* **Dornie Community Shop Update.** MB reported that the Steering group had successfully applied for Stage One funding from the Scottish Land Fund. Various contractors had been approved (i.e. valuer; help with setting up business case; help with setting up new company; solicitor – this was pending at the time of the meeting) Mrs Jenkins (owner of Dornie Stores building) had been in touch directly with the CC/Steering Group and was keen to work with us. Lastly there was a sub group working on publicity to ensure the wider community aware of what is happening. AJ asked if we should upload the Steering Group minutes to the CC website (the steering group minutes already circulated within cc) **ALL AGREED. ACTION AJ**
* **Presentation to Anne Gill & Alison Macrae.** This will take place (weather permitting) outside Dornie Stores, on Saturday 12th February at 2pm.
* **Tidy-up update.** FM reported that the walls on the underpass will have to be hand-washed so as not to damage the mural; hoping to re-start work with the sub group in mid-February. MB had been paid for use of his generator and the fuel used.
* **Zoom upgrade.** 23/1/22 HC emailed advising to continue with online cc meetings. Due to the free version continuing to time out at 40mins, AJ proposed (24/1/22) that the cc upgrade as there was an offer of 30% off. FM/AM/JN agreed. AJ reimbursed £100.73 for the annual payment.
* **CC facebook page/CC website.** AJ asked if anyone could help with either. IM volunteered to help with the website **ACTION IM/AJ**
* **CC member from the Glen? ACTION FM** to ask for a representative to come to a CC meeting. General discussion on the 4G mast that has been erected in Killilan as the CC had been contacted by the Scottish Government to ask if the mast had benefitted the community. JN commented there was now a signal in Bundaloch. **ACTION JN** to enquire about members of the Glen community group in Sallachy/ Killilan replying to engagement team regarding the new mobile mast.
* **Dornie Community Hall toilets.** FM reported thatthere had been a meeting with the hall committee, Debbie Sutton (HC) and Shane Manning (Principal Traffic Officer) to discuss options for a paying system. The next hall committee meeting is Tuesday 8th February 2022.
* **Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust.** FM reported that KLCT had received funding for an eight seater electric minibus and would be looking for volunteer drivers. BC said this would a good use for Aird Ferry users.
* **AOCB 1)** JN said that there were still issues to be addressed by HC regarding the Bunda road. (paths/edging, flooding at Bunda Lodges and checking the wall for subsidence) **ACTION AJ** to email Andrew Bone (HC)**. 2)** FM said there will be community council elections on 3/3/22. **3)** FM asked AJ for secretarial expenses due. **ACTION AJ. 4)** FM asked MB for an update on the pontoons. There was funding support from HIE for a project manager and a public consultation. There will be formal committee set up and a company limited by guarantee. When the project goes live, the CC website and facebook page will be used. **5)** JN asked AM if the noticeboard at the shop could still be accessed when the post office shuts. AM said that the CC could still access it for displaying minutes and we could get keys cut. **6)** AMasked if the next phase of housing will solely be two bedroomed as there was a lack of three bedroomed houses in the area. BC said to get in contact with Audrey Sinclair and Neil Clapperton (Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association) to clarify. **ACTION AJ. 6)** JN asked MB when the Christmas tree in the village was coming down. It will come down on the first dry day (has to be dry for it to be stored)
* **Next meeting is 28/3/22.** (AGM will be 30th May 2022). ALL WELCOME

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