Dornie and District Community Council

31/07/2023 Dornie Hall 7pm

Minutes

**Present:** Janice Nixon (by phone); Alison Jack; Matt Baron; Karen MacRae

Jonathan and Catherine Hulme (members of the public); Jamie Bankhead (Highland Council Access Ranger)

**Apologies:** Fay MacKenzie, Isabelle MacKenzie, Alison Macrae, Donald Macrae, Cllr. Biz Campbell; PC Donald Maclean

Previous ordinary minutes were agreed by MB, seconded by JN

Special Meeting minutes agreed by MB, seconded by KM

**Treasurers Report**: FM emailed report stating that that current balance is £2193.41. Payment of £596.63 has been made out for the sustainability group event and we have received the Highland Council annual community council grant of £451.91. A balance remains on the sustainability group grant. ACTION: JN to confirm with Linda that this needs to be spent by end of August.

**Police Update**: Not received in advance of meeting.

A member of the public reported that the bridge was being used for racing/speeding and this was confirmed by MB. AJ has sent this information to PC Maclean. Suggested that a high police presence would help to act as a deterrent at weekend. ACTION AJ

Also noted there are currently vehicle/speed counters and cameras either side of bridge and past entrance to apartments. Discussion over the purposes of this and if the data would be made available. ACTION: AJ to speak to Bear Scotland about this.

**Highland Council Access Ranger**: Jamie came along to introduce himself to the cc. He covers the area over weekend and has noted that generally visitors are well behaved. There is a minority but feels that compared to what he read about last year, it is not as bad. Environmentally the hots spots are the Carr Brae castle view point and parking at Dornie hall. He noted that campers at the hall had sought permission before camping. Regarding campervans at the hall, noted that the no overnight signage were not very clear.

He had confirmation from Highland Council Roads that a sign could be put up for no overnight camping at the castle view point. Discussion followed and concerns were raised that it would just push the issue elsewhere. It was suggested it would be good if there was a survey to help identify sites that could be more suited to take over night vehicles. ALL Agreed that there was that a sign, as a trial, with max of 2/3 vehicles overnight at the castle viewpoint. Jamie commented that since the scrub was cut back toileting seems to have reduced. ALL agreed that the improved signage erected by Jamie has also helped. Village has seen campers but not too many currently.

Issues with vehicle access was highlighted (Carr Brae road is not suited to long vehicles) Jamie to bring up signage restricting vehicle size with Andy Bone (HC roads). He also said that if there were repeated issues with tour companies he is willing to call and discuss issue with the companies. ACTION JB

**Dog Bins**: JN confirmed that general waste bin has been replaced in Bundaloch but there will be no new bins in village or at Carr Brae. Member of public had emailed suggestion of a village leaflet drop. No action taken at this point. Carr Brae was highlighted as a bad area - up to Falcons Cliff. Jamie has put up signing highlighting where nearest bins are.

**Roads** :

Comment that tourist have been witnessed moving cones to park at entrance to village for access to the castle.

Carr Brae - A member of the public emailed to complain about the recent scrub clearance and the damage caused to the road surface & walls/verges by the machinery. Andy Bone (HC Roads) responded by email prior to the meeting to confirm that the work was on going and that any surface defects will be also be repaired. There was a discussion on this highlighting they have also cut back shrubs in peoples gardens and more that the area suggested in Andy Bone’s email. MB confirmed that the damaged fencing at the view point has been repaired. It was also noted that the cutting have been left over fences and fallen into and blocking culverts. Also noted that the culverts are in a general state of disrepair and there can be issues with flooding. ACTION AJ to raise the culverts with Andy Bone.

Main road passing places ‘Dornie Corners’: Safety concerns have been highlighted with regards to the first big lay-by after the castle (travelling east). Vehicles stopping, reversing on to road and people walking on roadside were the main concerns. Jamie highlighted that this is part of the clear way and would clarify if vehicles were allowed to stop off the road. ACTION JB

Electronic sign on A87 at Reraig “No Fuel at Mallaig”: ACTION AJ to contact BEAR & ask for sign to display relevant information

20mph Programme (HC) - Dornie Village proposed 20 mph area: Member of public got in touch asking why the 20mph zone was not extended past Lagg. JN’s understanding is that the speed limit after Lagg is 60 mph so suggested they can’t reduce from 60 to 20. AJ also noted that Dornie is not noted in the location of the main document but is in the other info. ACTION: AJ to contact HC and ask for further information.

**AOCB:**

**Shop update**: KM confirmed that the shop site is officially under community ownership now. There was an afternoon to start clearing the polytunnel area. The DDCT are waiting on an asbestos survey before work can start to clear building. Architect appointed and will be stating work mid-August.

**Graham House**: It was previously agreed that Dornie & District Community Trust (DDCT) would register their interest in the property which has been done and steps taken to look for funding. Ideas have been taken at DDCT’s EGM and Solstice Splash. The group now needs to collate ideas to work up funding application.

**Meter Money**: Half the money from the car park meter in Dornie hall car park will be given to DDCT for the shop project as agreed previously. ACTION AJ to contact DDCT to arrange a time to complete the form as it’s a joint application with cc to HC.

**Moorings Update**: MB gave a brief update on the moorings progress. Following an unsuccessful application to an over- subscribed Award for All. Funds have been raised to appoint a development officer. An expression of interest was successful to the Community Regeneration Fund, the next stage is due this week. They are seeking letters of support from local groups and businesses by the end of the week to support their application. ACTION AJ to email all Community Council members to ask if CC agree to send letter of support to Moorings group. .

**Tidy up project** : July session was called off due to poor weather, new date planned for 27th August. Grass cutting was also brought up at the end of the meeting as village grass is getting very long. ACTION AJ

Thanks given to Compass and Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association for the new bench at the top of Aitemore Road. ACTION AJ

AOCB from previous meeting:

Energy Group: Update to be carried over to next meeting.

Foot path between Ardelve and Nostie : No update this time ACTION KM to follow up.

Aird Ferry: Member of public asked about details for the decking. ACTION AJ to confirm with Cllr Biz Campbell.

Matters to carry over for the next meeting:

Road safety re arrows at major junctions – no update

Roadkill/ accident debris – No update

No questions from members of the public present.

**Date of next meeting :28th August 2023 7pm , Dornie hall**

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