**Dornie & District Community Council**

**Minutes**

**28/8/23 7pm Dornie Hall**

**Present:** Karen MacRae; Cllr Biz Campbell; Fay Mackenzie; Matt Baron; Alison Macrae; Alison Jack

**Apologies**: Linda Brooks (member of the public); Jamie Bankhead (Highland Council Access Ranger); Tibby Mackenzie; Donald Macrae; PC Donald Maclean

Previous minutes were agreed by MB and seconded by AJ

Treasurer’s report: Balance of account is 2169.41 as at 20/8/23

Police update: PC Maclean sent an update in advance of the meeting: Several vehicles have been reported to us for unsuitable parking on pavements etc.  Where possible we would attend and provide suitable advice to those involved and get them to move. Depending on the information passed to us (such as haulage or bus company details) we are able to contact the company directly regarding this. This was done recently and the bus company were very apologetic. That can only happen though if we have time, date, company details and if possible the vehicle registration number. There is of course no reason why members of the public or community council can’t phone directly at the time to the offending company. Regarding racing on the Dornie Bridge, I’m afraid with the lack of information there is little we can do other than let it be known in the community that police are aware. I have told some younger drivers ( I have made an assumption of the drivers age ) however without more specific details, like names, vehicle details, registration numbers, times it’s a bit difficult  to deal with unless police happen to be in the area at the time. And come across it occurring.  If these details are able to be provided then we can at least have a chat with them. That of course covers any racing in the area. You mentioned elsewhere about car parking issues. While not directly a police issue unless its in unsafe places as already mentioned it has been mentioned privately that better signage for the over flow car park might be one help to relieve the congestion and also if the gorse was cut people might see the extra parking. I’m sure the castle wouldn’t have an issue regarding this. Dornie continues to be a relatively safe place, with little anti social behaviour despite having two popular pubs so close to housing. Despite the extremely large number of through traffic there is little crime.

Roads a)AJ had circulated the reply email from the 20mph project prior to the meeting, all agreed it was generally unhelpful. CC noted the 20mph signs have been placed in the village. b) Carr Brae: **ACTION AJ** to follow up with Andy Bone/reply to his email (dated 12th August) regarding progress of works

Overflow parking to Eilean Donan Apartments/Dornie Hall Car park. The cc had been contacted 13th August regarding queuing into the hall car park from A87 / other vehicles overtaking into oncoming traffic and that the overflow parking at the apartments were largely empty. Other members of the public had reported that when the castle car park was full, the attendants were waving traffic on rather than directing them to the overflow carpark. Via email, the cc agreed to write to the castle (copying in local police and Miranda Van Lynden) with our concerns; propose additional signage and a meeting. Mr Win (Castle Manger) replied 16th August and Inspector Mackenzie on 25th August. General discussion followed. **ACTION AJ** to follow up with Inspector Mackenzie who suggested a meeting amongst relevant parties : to propose inviting BEAR Scotland (cc had asked for the data from the recent survey of vehicle/speed counters and cameras either side of bridge and past entrance to apartments but the data was not available as per email reply to cc on 12th August) as this will assist us all; noted lack of pedestrian access signage at underpass; and propose inviting the Hall committee to meeting . **ACTION AJ** to ask JB if the access rangers could provide signage for the underpass.

CC concerned about the lack of refurbishment to hall toilets and the overuse the toilets. Biz reported that Highland Council had previously earmarked £12500 for the toilets, BC to follow up with HC **ACTION BC**

Janice joined the meeting at 1945hrs (held up due to accident on the road)

Public fouling/nearest toilets signage. MB had contacted the HC ranger service (with photos) regarding human waste at Carr Brae and was disappointed to have had no reply to his email. MB had also witnessed members of the public toileting in the middle of the village. MB proposed signage about nearest toilets in the village. **ACTION AJ** to email Philip Waite ranger service manager to ask for ‘nearest toilets’ signs.

AOCB a) Shop update/ Dornie & District Community Trust: KM said that an architect had been appointed, and a meeting scheduled 30/8/23. They will be reviewing the initial drawings. A period of public consultation is next. The DDCT are holding a Bingo Night on 8th September 7pm. All proceeds for Dornie Shop. Any donations for the raffle on the night welcome. Also be an opportunity to buy some raffle tickets for their big raffle (to be drawn in October) KM said regarding Graham House, they have to send a proposal to The Scottish Land Fund before applying for funding b) moorings project –MB said that they were waiting on revenue funding from Community Regeneration Funding. Unfortunately their project officer had to resign due to personal reasons c) energy group LB sent an update in advance of the meeting. (Following the Healthy Homes for Skye & Lochalsh survey) there were some key themes that people were concerned about: Public Transport/Traffic & Active travel - these stood out: with bus fares being too expensive for local people - no alternatives to cycle or walk. The level of traffic in the village (especially at tourist times) was called out and the fact that some are driving too fast. In addition comments on using the centre of the village as a parking site and the need to reclaim that space for the village. Several people were concerned about raw sewage going into the loch - this is a real health concern for everyone! Houses being energy inefficient and the need to remove reliance on oil was also concerning and adding financial pressures to families. The energy group will be discussing these and prioritising the next action. **ACTION LB** to contact SEPA to ask for a survey regarding the raw sewage. AJ said that when this was raised by the cc in 2021, SEPA advised the public should call the Scottish Water Customer Contact Centre 0800 0778 778. That way they will have a record of complaints and they can create a job for someone to attend. JN said there was also an online Sewage Pollution Form on [www.scottishwater.co.uk](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk) d) Tidy Up project – AJ asked when the next date should be, to finish up sorting the planters opposite the Dornie Hotel . FM proposed the next two Sunday mornings **ACTION AJ** to contact volunteers/advertise on facebook page for 3rd & 10th Sept at 11am.

Any other item of business a) AJ said the community council elections are due this autumn. Members of the public who want to become a community councillor should have their nomination papers in by 3rd October. **ACTION KM** to print a poster for the shop noticeboard b) FM said that Chris Nixon was now the guardian of the defibrillator (Lucky2BeHere) at the Dornie shop c) FM raised that the underpass issues had still not been resolved **ACTION FM** to contact Fraser Struthers (Highland Council)

No questions from public present

Next meeting Monday 25th September 7pm Dornie Hall

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