Minutes Dornie & District Community Council 25/11/24

1.Present: Linda Brooks, Matt Baron, Janice Nixon (Vice Chair) , Fiona Matheson (Treasurer), Campbell Dreghorn, Cllr Biz Campbell and Peter MacLennan (Member of Public)

Apologies: Shona Maclennan (Chair), Karen Baker and Alison Jack (Secretary)

2.Declaration of interests: FM - GH sub group. MB - DDCT; Moorings Group

JN queried whether these ongoing interests needed to be noted at each meeting.

3.Previous Minutes approved JN proposed, CD seconded

4.Matters pertaining to the last minutes:

1. Shop/Cafe building is wind and watertight. A new Principal Contractor, Steve Renyard, has been appointed. Volunteers will be contributing to ongoing works and several have undergone the necessary induction. Funding has been received from SSE for heating for the building. At the moment it is anticipated that the shop will open in Spring 2025 with a later opening of the cafe as more funding is necessary to complete outfitting. MB noted that any member of the public who wishes to see around the building must make an appointment as Health and Safety issues means that “walk in” visits are not possible. He also mentioned several other possible funding organisations. Graham House: A draft of the proposed business plan has been received by the group from the Impact Hub,Inverness. The Group has sent back queries and comments. The Impact Hub hope to send the group the final business plan by the end of the week.

Moorings : A Marine Project Officer, Kyla Orr has been appointed. An underwater survey is to be undertaken before the end of 2024.A public consultation and the AGM will be held in January, date tbc.

Energy Group : Discussion ongoing regarding the event which hopes to involve children and to be fun. LB has contacted the Climate Hub. LB looking into alternative energy sources and what barriers there might be to switching to more eco energy sources. The organisation of an event has begun and it is hoped to join with the ‘Parking in the Village’ event.

Tidy up of Village : Nothing to report.

1. Police Update : no update received
2. Roads Update : SML has written to the roads department with regards to the road at Bundaloch.
3. Sewage Pollution: MB had contacted Kate Forbes MSP and forwarded email to AJ.

 Peter MacLennan offered his help if he can assist in regards to his field of expertise.

1. Active Travel: KB had explored alternative funding but not with success.
2. Footpath : DDCT to contact Housing Association when the area in question is no longer impacted by the building work at shop . Action MB
3. Dornie Hall Parking : JN updated BC on the outcome of the meeting on the 13th, the proposed survey and public event. SML has contacted the HC parking officers for clarification of the parking/pavement area at Brookside. BC asked if we had applied for the parking monies.

5. Financial Report:

**Balance**

Brought forward 02/10/2024                                                                   £2316.39

**Income:**

27/09/2024  Interest to account                                                                £7.36           £2323.75

**Outgoings:**

14/11/2024  Dornie&District Community Hall Hire Chq No.000274           £30.00        £2293.75

**Balance:**

Carried forward 25/11/2024                                                                     £2293.75

(Including £508.07 held for Energy Group                                              £1785.68)

   Online banking has been approved. More paperwork is expected to enable us to progress this further.

6. Any other competent business

* 1. Community council review 2024/25 : not discussed.
  2. It was noted that BC had received a reply from Environmental Health Officer (Mid) regarding toileting issues in village. He stated that he had visited but no visible evidence remained. It was felt that this did not really address the issue.
  3. The CC has been informed that HC are undertaking a public consultation on a proposed visitor levy for Highland and have been asked to encourage engagement by stakeholders in this. JN noted that residents of the highlands would be subject to this charge if they were to use accommodation in the highlands eg. staying overnight in Inverness. It was also queried how well publicised the public consultation was.
  4. MB proposed that a community Facebook page be set up for residents to join. Michelle Baron has offered to act as Moderator. All present thought that it was a good idea.

7. Questions or contributions from the public present: PM has several questions regarding the shop/cafe and moorings which MB addressed. He also offered his help in his field of expertise with regard to the Sewage pollution as above

8. Date of next meeting TBC. It was noted that the last Monday in December is the 30th and probably not suitable and as that this could mean that no meeting is held until the end of January. With the hoped for public event during the month of January would that necessitate an earlier meeting?

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