Minutes for Dornie and District Community Council 29th April 2024.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, adding that everyone who lives in Ardelve, Camuslongart, Camusluinie, Carr Brae, Dornie, Killilan and Sallachy are warmly invited to attend cc meetings/get in touch with the cc.

1. Present: Karen Baker, Campbell Dreghorn (from 1945hrs), Shona MacLennan (Chair), Fiona Matheson (Treasurer), Janice Nixon, Alison Jack (Secretary), Linda Brooks, Cllr Biz Campbell

There were no members of the public present.

Apologies: Matt Baron (CC member), PC Steve Harre-Young, Ann Lloyd (member of the public)

2. Declaration of Interests**.**

SML is still locating a template for this. **ACTION SML**

**3.** Minutes of CC Meeting 25th March 2024 – KB approved, FM seconded.

Items carried forward from this meeting

* Roads: AJ had no reply from the local roads officer, Highland Council. AJ to phone him to invite him to the next meeting or if he is unable to attend to send us a report. General discussion on the law banning parking on pavements followed. CC in agreement it was unclear where in the centre of Dornie it was legal to park and issues with some parking at present..BC suggested we contact Iain Moncrieff, Highland Council, for guidance. **ACTION AJ**
* BC has had no reply from Malcolm Macleod, Highland Council, regarding mobile connectivity yet.
* LB had no update regarding opportunities to collaborate with the hall committee about heating and connectivity
* Hall Car Park Fees: AJ reported that the application has been made by DDCT to HC for year 22/23.
* Footpath between Ardelve & Nostie: FM said she had not had a reply from KLCT to date. Kate Forbes MSP had offered to take this matter forward at the meeting on 5 April. LB said her partner was interested in helping the CC in this matter and suggested contacting SUSTRANS. However, it was noted that Sustrans had already been contacted with no response. **ACTION SML** to contact HITRANS Active Travel Officers in the first instance.
* Pathway between St Duthac’s Drive and Dornie shop: BC had no reply from the Highland Council Footpath Officer. AJ had no reply from Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association. SML suggested BC ask LSHA instead as the footpath had been on the plans for the development. **ACTION BC**

4. a)

Dornie & District Community Trust – no update.

Moorings update: MB sent an update via email. They secured funding from the Community Regeneration Fund of £31,000 for admin, fundraising, design fees etc. They are focussing on installing moorings on Totaig with support from MOWI. However MOWI’s donation of equipment to be has now been used for a MOWI project. The group are now looking at interim solutions but hope that there will be moorings available for visitors up and running this summer. MB offered to bring a full update on the revised scope of the moorings and pontoon project to the next CC meeting. **ACTION AJ** to ask MB if the CC can have sight of their business plan.

Energy group: LB said that the group had applied to the Thurso Climate Hub for money to stage events, this had tied in with the climate project in Skye who were staging an event on renewables. **ACTION LB** to extract data for the Dornie & District cc area from the recent Healthy Homes survey carried out in Skye & Lochalsh. General discussion followed on how the public has difficulty finding information on grants/loans etc. BC said that she was on the climate change committee in HC.

Tidy Up project: MB had sent a proposal to the CC via email to clear the overgrown area on the lower corner of Carr Brae; clean up the underpass & steps; and to look at other areas that might need attention. **ACTION MB** to coordinate days at weekends.

AJ asked if the old telephone box in Ardelve could come under the remit of the Tidy Up project. FM said she had been asked if the old phone box could hold a defibrillator but as there is no electricity to it, this was not possible. SML suggested we ask the community what the phone box could be used for. **ACTION AJ** to post on the cc facebook page, suggesting they contact the CC by email with suggestions (dorniecommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

CD joined the meeting at 1945hrs

b) Distribution of income for car-parking fees outside hall from 23/24. It was agreed to wait to hear how much it is from the HC, before proceeding, possibly inviting community groups to apply in due course.

c) Police update sent in advance of the meeting: They advised that they have already seen a large increase in tourist-based traffic in the area, and the crash on the A87 at Dornie a few days ago is a sign of what they envisage seeing more of in the coming weeks and months. On that occasion, and in line with what they have been able to achieve at other recent crashes in Skye and Lochalsh, drivers have been charged with offences there and then and dealt with at the roadside.

They will be increasing mobile and static patrols with speed checks, with a key location being Dornie / Eilean Donan. They are aware that parking at Eilean Donan has been an issue prior, and have already upped their engagement with staff there and carried out visits at peak times. Following a recent increase in patrols during night shifts and engagement with all drivers they have seen in the car park at Eilean Donan, there has been a great decrease in the number of complaints they have been receiving about noise / excess speed in the area. They asked that the CC get back to them with any local issues that they can be of assistance with.

d) Lochalsh Leisure Centre. It was noted the centre has an interim board and updates are posted regularly on their facebook page.

5**. Report from the Treasurer.**

Balance at 19/04/24 £1921.41

(incl.interest to A/C of £7.30)

No pending outpayments

Awaiting payment:

Hire of Hall 25/3/24 -£10.00

 £1911.41

(incl.£508.37 for energy group) (£1403.04)

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6. Any other competent business

a) Use of Old Telephone Box in Ardelve. As discussed under Tidy Up project 4 a)

b) Dog Bins. It was agreed to accept MB’s offer to bring a proposal for the next CC. This was outlined as provision of dog waste bins and bag dispensers locally seeking funding for this from national charities or local businesses.. There was also the option to approach the Dornie project group to provide some funding for this. BC advised that the HC would not empty such bins.

 AJ proposed the CC join the Green Dog Walkers scheme run by HC. ALL AGREED. **ACTION AJ/MB**

c) Glass recycling at Dornie Community Hall. The hall committee had raised the issue of the glass banks regularly overflowing during the season and glass on the verge/on the car park. AJ had written to the HC and received a reply from Waste Management that the contractor had new vehicles now which should reduce downtime and avoid delays to the normal emptying schedule. Records showed Dornie has been reported full three times in the last year. With increased frequency of collection, there should be enough capacity to handle the expected amount of glass. HC also said that they ensure that street cleaning staff are aware of the situation to remove any excess as required.

d) Safety/security at the former Graham House building. Member of the public had contacted the CC regarding concern of the state of the building. MB emailed the owner but has not received a reply. SML asked who had the health & safety duty . BC said that the CC could report it to the HC planning department. KB and FM said the Graham House steering group were meeting an architect at the site on 3/5/24 and could report back to the CC. **ACTION KB/FM**

e) Campervans/Motorhomes. MB proposed putting signs up at overnighting locations such as the Castle viewpoint and the old Quarry at Carr Brae asking people that if they are staying in the area for free they should donate to the community trust. General discussion followed, noting there is no funding for access rangers this financial year from HC. JN said at the Arnisdale hall, they had success with a “park responsibly /make a donation” KB suggested a map at Carr Brae with points where the nearest campsite/waste disposal/public toilets/public bins. SML suggested the cc could pay for this. ALL AGREED. **ACTION MB**

f) Noise from Eilean Donan Apartments. MB said that he had been contacted by members of the public as they had been disturbed by noise from events from the apartments. It was agreed that the CC would find out the rules regarding noise and disseminate the information. The CC agreed that if members of the public are concerned about noise then this should be reported directly by them to HC. **ACTION FM**

7.. No questions from the public.

8. **Next meeting**: 27th May 2024 at 7pm.

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