**Dornie & District Community Council - DRAFT**

**23rd June 25 7pm Dornie Hall**

1. **Present/Apologies**

Fiona Matheson (Treasurer), Shona MacLennan (Chair), Campbell Dreghorn, Karen Baker

In attendance: Cllr Biz Campbell

Apologies: Linda Brooks, Janice Nixon, Matt Baron,

1. **Declaration of interests**

No additional declarations

1. **Minutes of 26th May 2025**

Minutes were adopted with corrections. Proposed by CD, seconded by FM.

1. **Matters arising not included elsewhere**

WIFI in the hall – this had been requested and is being considered by the Hall Committee.

Outdoor Access Rangers – HC advised that two job share staff have been appointed who are based in Fort William and will visit Ardelve on alternate weeks.

1. **Updates**
   1. Dornie & District Community Trust – shop and café project - no update
   2. Dornie & District Community Trust – Graham House

It was advised that Graham House has been taken off the market. The steering group were hoping that they could continue to work with Community Enterprise on the business plan but the CE offer was prior to GH coming off the market so, should GH come back on the market, the Trust will be in a good position to move forward.

* 1. Dornie Moorings Association – no update
  2. Energy Sub-group – a report on Item 7c was given at this point.

Linda Brooks attended a meeting convened by Cllr Helen Carmichael and attended by a wide range of community councils regarding the ad hoc nature of planning for various renewables projects and associated infrastructure. She read out a statement to say that we wanted to see community benefit derived from existing renewables projects as well as future ones. Zonal pricing was also covered, hopefully looking to cheaper energy nearer the source of production. It was noted that a further meeting of elected members and MPs and MSPs is planned for 11th or 12th August.

* 1. Police update

Nothing of note from Police Scotland. However, it was noted that in the 2024 Report speed checks were supposed to have been carried out in the area around the castle. Local police were not able to provide any information on these from their perspective but did not have information from the Traffic Safety Unit. As this information was not forthcoming, it will be pursued in the future.

* 1. Roads update

The condition of Frances Street was again discussed and noted that it was impossible to push a wheelchair along Francis Street and Brookside safely. It was suggested that to improve the roads and pavements, the issues of health and safety as well as the Equality Act may be a route to pursue a better conclusion. The junction at Caroline Street was mentioned and has been reported to the Highland Council as it is felt that there were impediments on the road, which make it unsafe both for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

* 1. Traffic Management

The CC wrote to Ian Moncrieff regarding the reduction of speed limits in Camuslongart and Lagg to Bundalloch. It was passed on to the Customer Resolution and Improvements Team, who replied that it had been discussed, but they were unable to provide a timeframe, but will be done when resources are available. It was agreed to write again to clarify the content of the letter. **AP – SML** [done by email 27.06.2025]

Options were looked at to bring some of the strands of work forward, such as Safer Routes to Schools, which must be requested by the schools themselves.

**Active Travel routes** - Ardelve to Nostie cycle/footpat: Transport Scotland instructed BEAR Scotland to carry out a feasibility study on the 1.4km required in September 2024 which is yet to be finalised but anticipated in the next few weeks.

**AP – SML** to request copy of the report for the CC, ask how much funding has been spent on Active Travel routes on the A87 between Invermoriston and Kyle of Lochalsh and advise that it is a non-motorised facility, rather than a pedestrian facility that is required.

It was noted that a member of the community had forwarded to the CC an email they had sent to Transport Scotland in which they highlighted the speed of traffic at the bus stop on the A87 trunk road, where the schoolchildren cross to get the bus. They asked for 40mph speed limit on the bridge and, at the junction at the Sallachy Road end, a recognised footpath should be included and a warning sign for people crossing. They had also sent a copy of the email to Kate Forbes, MSP.

**Abandoned cars** – Police advised these should be reported to Highland Council. This has been done with no result. **AP – Cllr Biz Campbel**l offered to follow this up. [done by email on 24.06.2025]

**Coaches parking at Dornie Hall Car Park** – The Community Development Officer, HC, when visiting Dornie Hall, suggested that the CC could ask Highland Council to stop buses/coaches using the Dornie Hall carpark, primarily in the interests of safety. The CC had agreed at the meeting of 26 May to progress this and it was noted that the Dornie & District Community Hall AGM had also agreed. The process involved requesting HC to ban coach car parking and required the Local Member’s agreement. Cllr Biz Campbell agreed readily with this proposal. **AP – SML** to progress with HC [done by email on 24.06.2025].

**No Parking signs at Passing Places -** It was noted that areas of Skye have new Passing Places signs with No Parking added below. The CC will request that this is rolled out in the Dornie area. **AP – SML** to email A Bone, Roads Officer [done 27.06.2025}

1. **Treasures Report**

June 2025 balance carried forward is £2820.39

(£1512.32 +NHI £800.00; EG £508.07)

1. **AOCB**
   1. Community Noticeboard – agreed to find out which body is responsible for this.
   2. Recycling Centre – Kyleakin & Kylerhea, Glenelg & Arnisdale, Loch Duich, Stromeferry & Achmore, Plockton, and Kyle had all replied agreeing that this was necessary. Lochalsh CC is in abeyance at the moment, howeveAr a former member suggested including National Trust at Balmacara in the conversations. Cllr Campbell reported that this had been requested some years ago but HC claimed it would cost too much. **AP – SML** to follow up with HC, CCs and NTS.
   3. Roadside Rubbish Bins – Invermoriston to Kyle A87 – it was raised that although there are bins in every laybye on Loch Ness side, there are none further west. **AP – Cllr Campbell** to make enquiries about this. [email sent by BC on 25.05.2025]
   4. Pollution – contact had been made with Plockton CC to find out what their situation was and what had happened to resolve it to date. They suggested trying to find out how large an issue it is and to use that data to press SEPA for action. **AP – SML** to coordinate sourcing information
2. **Questions from members of the public**

None present.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

Monday September 29th 2025