Dornie & District Community Council

31st March 2025 7pm Dornie Hall

1. **Present/Apologies**

Shona MacLennan (Chair), Matt Baron, Campbell Dreghorn, Fiona Matheson

In attendance: Cllr Biz Campbell

Apologies: Karen Baker, Linda Brooks, Alison Jack, Janice Nixon.

1. **Declaration of interests**

No additional declarations

1. **Minutes of 24th February 2025**

Minutes were approved. Proposed by MB, seconded by FM.

**Matters arising not included in Item 4**:

Item 6: Highland Council consultation on Visitor Levy

Noted that a response had been submitted to HC and that it was important for individuals to also submit a response, with the survey closing that night.

A standard response had been received from Kate Forbes, MSP, advising that this was a HC matter. The CC had written back to say that there were items in our response which related to Scottish Ministers and would appreciate a response to those.

Item 7: Traffic Management Survey

MB had asked a colleague to produce summaries of the responses and it was agreed that further work was required. MB to follow up

Noted with appreciation that the electronic traffic management sign had now been installed at the east side of the extended castle car park.

SML advised that she had recently met the CEO of Transport Scotland and asked about the person to contact on reducing speed limits, and had subsequently forwarded the CC/Castle request for a 40mph to him.

Cllr Campbell advised that Iain Moncrieff was the officer to contact regarding reducing the speed limit on the Lagg/Bundalloch stretch. It was raised that there were similar concerns regarding vehicles travelling too fast on the Camuslongart road and the CC agreed to ask for similar speed reductions on this road as well as Bundalloch. SML to write to HC.

Agreed that there should be a request for a Stay Left sign at the exit from Dornie Hall. SML to action.

Item 9c: MB had put up signs in various locations reminding (!) people not to use the outdoors as a toilet and to clean up after their dogs. AJ was still awaiting a substantive response from Environmental Health.

Item 9d: Action still outstanding on reviewing Kate Forbes’ response on SEPA to identify what more could be done. (SML)

Item 9e: SML to circulate the consultation for the Community Council review and if there are responses, to submit a response.

Item 9f: Nothing had been heard on the request for new graveside covers by the time of the meeting. [However, it was clear that there were new covers at the funeral held on 5 April.]

1. **Matters pertaining to the last minutes**
	1. Updates from:

**Dornie & District Community Trust**

The shop open day on 22nd March was well received and attended. Still require further funds to complete the work necessary to open the shop. The Trust are applying to Community Regeneration Fund for funding which should enable shop’s completion.

SSEN and Scottish Water connections have been delayed as has the installation of the treatment plant. Paving of outside areas has started and the electrics have been completed.

**Graham House** : other volunteers are required to take this forward as those involved in the shop/café/flat development have no spare resources. FM agreed to follow up on this.

**Dornie & District Moorings Association Ltd** : The Association is currently finalising the Q&A document for uploading on the website. They plan to close the feedback opportunity at end of w/c 7 April and then create an addendum to the business case. The Association is also applying to Community Regeneration Fund for part-funding of the installation of moorings in Totaig.

**Energy group** – no update due to LB apologies.

* 1. **Police update**
		1. Information was provided by Police Scotland asking the CC to circulate that they have had concerns from other community councils about drug taking/drug and drink driving in their areas and a request that if anyone has any sort of intelligence (ie names, addresses, vehicles used) it can be reported to police by email or phone/Crimestoppers. Any information will be treated in confidence.
		2. Discussion followed on abandoned cars in Brookside which were understood to have been reported to the police. It was agreed that the CC would write to the police, informing them of the main outcomes of the traffic management survey, including the scarcity of parking within the village, with a request for them to deal with any vehicles which have been abandoned. They would also be informed about the request for a 40mph speed limit on the trunk road and request for 30mph speed limit on Bundalloch and Camuslongart roads. SML to write
	2. **Roads update**

HC thanked for repairing the steps at Francis Street.

HC to be informed that urgent repairs are required to the Bundalloch road where it was repaired at New Year; the potholes on Francis St remain a concern as they are becoming worse; noted that the system for reporting issues with roads on HC website is not functioning. SML will contact Roads about first 2 items; Cllr Campbell offered to follow up on last item.

1. **Written financial report from the treasurer**
	1. Printing costs – the decision to reimburse printing costs to SML was ratified.
	2. Account update:

Opening balance: £2,188.81

Income £ 807.18

Expenditure £ 155.60

Closing balance: £2,840.39

This includes £800 Grant from North Highland Initiative for tourism project; and £508.07 of Energy Group funds.

FM advised that work to open a new account is ongoing.

1. **Any other competent business**

None

1. **Questions or contributions from members of the public present**

None present.

1. **Date of next meeting** – 28 April 2025

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