

DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 24TH November 2008

Present: Mike Fordyce, Kenny Fraser, Graham Hewitt, Faye MacKenzie, Angus MacDonald, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Janice Nixon.

In Attendance: Fiona McNeil. **Apologies:** Nina Shanks, Cllr Biz Campbell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as true and fair. (Proposer: Suzanne; Seconded: Angus)

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne reported funds available of £966.14. Dornie Playgroup had sent a letter of thanks for the recent donation.

Bridge Lights: The secretary reported that there had been little progress on the Bridge Lights saga. Transerv had indicated their intention to carry out Phase 1 of the works in November: i.e. to remove all lights on the bridge, to retain the lighting column at junction and low level lighting column at bus stop. As of the date of the meeting these works had not yet commenced.

However, Phase 2, Options for Replacement had not yet been delivered to Transport Scotland. Bob Mitchell gave an assurance that the options would be available for discussion at our January meeting and had indicated his willingness to attend the present meeting if we thought that would be useful.

Lochside Bike Stands: Janice and Graham met George Speed at Lochside on Friday 21st and he agreed to ask for 8 bike stands from the funding which is available for cycling related projects. It is proposed to mount the stands on an area of grass where the bikes are normally left. The stands will be concreted in and topped with tar. The broken fence will also be reinstated. Janice reported that the majority of those living in the immediate vicinity were happy with the arrangements.

Roads: George Speed has raised a Works Order to have 3 verge markers mounted along the verge edge at the grassy area where the road turns in to Dornie just before the shop, to prevent the line of sight being blocked by inappropriate parking.

The poor condition of the road to Conchra Salt Depot was raised and it was agreed to take this up with TECS.

New Train Timetable: HiTrans responded to our letter regarding the lack of consultation on the revised Kyle-Inverness timetable saying that "The proposed change was first called for some 5-6 years ago at a Skye and Lochalsh Transport Forum, was discussed in the columns of the West Highland Free Press 2 years ago and has the support of The Highland Council." They also pointed out the many benefits of the new timetable.

The secretary replied saying that it would be helpful if CC's were advised of any impending discussions of, or timetable changes to, transport facilities in their area

Car Park Lighting: George Speed spoke to the secretary about a proposal to provide lighting at the Council Car Park. The usual type of lighting for this location is 6 metre columns with down lighters, which can be fitted with cards to prevent rearward light spillage. George met with the two parties who live next to the car park and it was suggested that bollards might be more appropriate. He agreed to cost the options which would be submitted to management for approval. It was also proposed to install a "Give Way" sign at the car park exit.

Recycling Point: Shona proposed that we explore the possibility of moving the recycling bins across the car park to a position nearer the hall where the large Council Car Park sign is and that the relocation

should include screening. By locating them at the bottom of the bank and screening them they will be much less visible and also sheltered from the wind. The proposal was adopted.

It was also agreed to forward this proposal to Highland Council as a possible solution to the complaints about the visual impact of the bins.

Members were asked to suggest other possible sites in the district. An alternative location for the recycling point in the village was suggested, but it was pointed out that this would have traffic implications as it would lead to a greater number of vehicles entering the village, as well as a large lorry to empty the bins. Also, if the facility was considered a nuisance then it would impact on more people than in its present position. It was acknowledged that the siting of recycling facilities was always a matter of balance and judgement as it was likely to affect someone.

The CC was disappointed that a number of wheelie bins had been removed by HC, as they felt that at least three were needed to cope with waste from visitors and others.

Underpass: Fay had been in contact with Community Service to get the underpass painted.

Donations: It was agreed to donate the sums of £150 to the Dornie & District Children's Party and the Senior Citizens Ceilidh to be held next March.

Correspondence: The chair had received a letter from solicitors representing previous complainants regarding the Recycling Point. Among other things they indicated that their clients would be happy to meet with representatives of the CC. It was agreed that Shona would arrange a meeting.

Asirus (Asthma Support in Rural Scotland) notified us about a project to identify patients at risk (i.e. those suffering from asthma, diabetes and other conditions) in rural areas by providing Grid References so that ambulance crews responding to an emergency can locate them more quickly. A link on our website gives more details of the project. Asirus on the web: <http://www.asirus.org.uk/>

Date of next meeting: Monday, January 26th at 7.30 in Dornie Hall

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