

## DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING IN DORNIE HALL 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**Present:** Mike Fordyce, Kenny Fraser, Graham Hewitt, Angus MacDonald, Fay MacKenzie, Shona MacLennan, Suzanne Meikle, Janice Nixon, Angus Peterkin, Nina Shanks

**In Attendance:** Cllr Biz Campbell; Fiona McNeill

**Apologies:** None

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Suzanne reported funds available of £400.84, including 0.06p interest.

**Scottish Water:** No further problems had been reported regarding the installation of the new water main.

Shona received an email from Joanna Peebles of SW saying that "*the Council ...have asked that we (SW) provide them with suitable wastewater provisions. We have drawings of the preferred site and after discussion with the committee that deals with things in this area it is hoped that we can come along to a meeting with the community council and the council department that is proposing the work.*" We are awaiting confirmation of this and will keep everyone posted and draw up an agenda of items of concern to the community.

**Bridge Lights:** Bob Mitchell of Transport Scotland sent us an indicative drawing of the layout of the lighting at the village end of the bridge and asked for our comments. He said that Transerv would work with HC to provide lighting at the council car park but that they wanted to avoid lighting the whole bridge. The CC agreed with his proposals which should see the lighting scheme in place in time for the winter.

**Correspondence:** The **Scottish Ambulance Service** is consulting on their service the results of which will influence their strategy and vision for the future direction of the Service. One of the key areas is improving delivery of healthcare in remote and rural communities. A particular concern in our community is single manning and transport to Raigmore. You can comment by going to their website: [www.scottishambulance.com/futurestrategy](http://www.scottishambulance.com/futurestrategy) or by emailing: [sas.strategy@nhs.net](mailto:sas.strategy@nhs.net) They will accept feedback until 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Ward Forum:** The Ward Forum on Planning was held in Dornie Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> June. However, some members felt that the format of the event could be improved, with more time given to discussion and tighter chairing to prevent individuals or single issues dominating. The secretary will write to HC with these suggestions.

**Ardelve – Nostie Footpath:** Donald Kennedy, Access Officer for HC, made a site visit to walk the proposed line of the footpath, accompanied by Ian Turnbull of NTS, Balmacara, Tim Sowood of Avernish and Graham of the CC. Donald produced a very detailed and positive report (see our website), including costings and mapping, for which we thank him. Fiona McNeill will convene a sub group to include Mike and Graham and 2 or 3 others from Nostie and Dornie to take this forward. We would hope to apply for funding for the path and submit an application to the LEADER programme which can supply up to 40% of the project cost.

If there are any other constituted community groups looking for funding then visit the HC's LEADER website for further information: <http://www.highlandleader.com/> or contact the local development officer, Liz Whitehead: [liz.whiteford@highland.gov.uk](mailto:liz.whiteford@highland.gov.uk) Tel - 07920 543719 or 01349 855217. The money won't be there for ever and if we don't use it in Ward 6 it will go elsewhere.

**Wester Ross Alliance Project:** The Wester Ross Alliance is an umbrella organization whose membership is drawn from local community groups such as CC's. Its aim is to promote the sustainable development of WR, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh. They have just set up a sub group to look at developing Renewables and Carbon Saving projects through working with local communities. Among other things, this might include a feasibility study, an awareness raising event, wind/hydro/biomass energy generating schemes, community energy audits and insulation programmes, community transport and so on. Funding is available from a couple of Scottish Government sponsored schemes as well as the Rural Development Programme and LEADER. Further details will be posted in due course, but in the meantime we could start thinking of what we would like to see being done in Dornie and District.

If anyone has ideas they would like to put forward or discuss or just wants more information, then please contact Graham on 555363 or email: [secydorniecc@btinternet.com](mailto:secydorniecc@btinternet.com)

**Carr Brae Development:** The results of the consultation on the street names showed that the community favoured Àite Mor Road and St Duthac's Drive.

**Dornie Pier:** Councillor Biz Campbell contacted the Harbours Dept of HC which resulted in the pier being cleaned and new rings put in place. Shona thanked Biz for her help.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 29th, September at 7.30 pm in Dornie Hall

Secretary: Graham Hewitt, Ar Dachaidh 555363. [secydorniecc@btinternet.com](mailto:secydorniecc@btinternet.com) (these minutes are also available by email)

**Roads and Footpaths:** A specialized customer care helpline is operated by Transport Scotland for reporting urgent problems with roads or footpaths alongside trunk roads. 0800 028 1414