

DUNVEGAN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 25th June 2024

Present – Donna Campbell (DC), Philippa MacRae (PM), Sarah MacAskill (SM), Tim Wallis (TW), John Laing (JL), Drew Millar (DM), Mali MacLennan, Colin Halley MacLennan, Colin Halley

Apologies – Sylvia Meyer (SY), Mandy Boswell (MB),

1	Minutes of last Meeting – Minutes were approved by TW and seconded by SM.
2	Treasurers reports DC £4,097.40 in the bank; nothing further to report..
3	St Marys Church – The Council have agreed to do 2 cuts and Murdo Mclvor will do the other 2 cuts. DCT have given £1000 towards this.
4	<p>Fire Service Consultation – The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) launched an online survey regarding future changes to our emergency services. The survey is open until 30th June. TW will fill in the online report on behalf of DCC.</p> <p>Uig fire station is to be replaced with a new building. A full time fire brigade has been proposed for Portree.</p> <p>DM will write to the new man in charge to see what is proposed for Dunvegan fire station and will get an up to date report.</p>
5	Signage – Unfortunately MB was not at the meeting so no proper update. The total cost is £2500. There was a donation of £500 from NFU. SM will apply to Loch Duart Fish Farm for funding.
6	<p>Road markings and grit bins – DC will email DM regarding how many grit bins are needed for round the outlying roads.</p> <p>There is a new machine for the whole of the Highlands for doing road markings, it will be done, hopefully, sooner rather than later!</p>
7	<p>DCT report - Conveyancing is progressing with Gaeltec.</p> <p>The equipment for the Community Park has been ordered and we are still anticipating an installation date in September which is to be confirmed.</p> <p>We have been working with consultants to produce a business plan which will give us an indication of the investment required to develop two woodland crofts and associated houses at Cruachan, plus a bit of extra car parking and a composting toilet, which were both favourably rated in the recent survey. The next step will be a flood risk assessment on ground at Cruachan Cottages, in the vicinity of land previously earmarked for housing by LSHA. We hope to have an open day to discuss the findings and the business plan sometime in August or September.</p> <p>The Community Regeneration Fund is open for applications, with the window closing on the 17th of July. We intend to submit an application to pay for a sports pitch specialist to assess the proposed site of the new Community Pitch, which is part of the masterplan for the new Primary School and Housing. We also intend to submit an application to fund a housing project, including a Community Housing Trust Housing needs survey, a flood risk assessment at the aforementioned</p>

	<p>site, and additional staff hours to manage this and the exploration of other opportunities for housing, including existing neglected properties which are eligible for asset transfers, like the Police House.</p> <p>Following a discussion with the Community Council we will look further into the option of bringing the Dunvegan carpark and public toilets into community ownership and how the current offering and infrastructure could be improved and developed.</p>
8	<p>Generations working together – TW attended an online meeting, he is not sure if there would be a great gain for our community – a lot of input for very little gain. A member from GWT is coming to Skye in October.</p>
9	<p>AOCB - The outdoor access code is very long winded! A QR code is available for a shortened version, it was suggested that this should be put onto the new signs.</p> <p>DCC donated £200 to Make Dunvegan Beautiful last year [correction after meeting - to year before last]. It was suggested that they should apply to DCT for funds this year.</p> <p>25 year anniversary of the stone – Donald Budge has suggested that the video of the stone going up on the Friday night, the video could do with a new voiceover. A torchlight procession on Saturday night, an enquiry to be made to the junior pipe band. Katyana Ranicar organised the events for the raising of the stone – would she like to do it again?</p> <p>JL suggested that we should consider doing some work at the war memorial.</p> <p>The 3 information plaques at St Marys are in a worse condition than initially thought. Donald Budge has given a quote of £583 to continue the work, it is being done! We will approach DCT regarding funding for this.</p> <p>DM has responded to Christine Brennan concerning the state of the roads.</p> <p>DC will organise a bottle of wine and bunch of flowers for Laura Shirley</p>
10	<p>CAL Estates – The new primary school will be going on the top pitch and a secure fence will be put in place essentially to keep balls in!</p> <p>There are potentially 16 new houses being built. There is a huge connection charge from SSEN for the houses, this could put the whole project in jeopardy. The council are going as high up in the SSEN chain as possible to try and make sure that the costs are not ridiculous.</p>
11	<p>Next meeting – Tuesday 30th July at 7.30</p>