

DUNVEGAN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 30th July 2024

Present – Philippa MacRae (PM), Tim Wallis (TW), John Laing (JL), Sylvia Meyer (SY), Mandy Boswell (MB), Christine Brennan, PC Darren Reid.

Apologies – Donna Campbell (DC), Sarah MacAskill (SM), Drew Millar (DM)

1	<p>Minutes of last Meeting – Minutes of last meeting (25/06/2024) were approved by TW and seconded by SY.</p>
2	<p>Treasurer report – We currently have £3464.40. Since the last meeting the outgoings were £583 to Donald Budge for the signs at St Marys, £750 to Murdo McIvor for cutting the grass at St Marys and a further £300 for cutting the grass through the village. A payment of £1000 was received on 28/6/24 from DCT towards the grass cutting.</p>
3	<p>Council report – There was no report as DM was not present.</p>
4	<p>Police report – There was a total of 29 calls in the area covering Dunvegan, Waternish, Glendale and Carbost.</p> <p>There is an SSE grant available (deadline 31st August) which is used towards a backup plan for adverse weather, a strategic plan in event of a storm/electricity outage/no water. An emergency generator was suggested for use at the community hall. TW will look into this</p> <p>Parking on the road and on the pavement is an ongoing issue, PC Reid has spoken to a parking enforcer in Portree who has stated that they can come over here if there is a complaint made. He will contact them again and see if they will come to Dunvegan.</p>
5	<p>Signage – MB updated us on all that has been happening regarding the signs, the support of Police Scotland was vital with the process. There will be (hopefully) an article in this week’s Free Press and there will be something on Radio Skye this week too.</p> <p>There was a huge amount of work done by MB on the web page skye.scot which gives information on a vast array of subjects of interest to visitors. JL suggested that the other community councils involved should pay for their signs before they get them, he is quite willing to deliver any that aren’t picked up.</p> <p>MB gave out a sheet detailing the costings of everything £607.18 for skye.scot website – web hosting, skye.scot registration and SSL certificate. There’s approximately £105 to pay a year for the next two years and in 2027 a decision will need to be made about another three year contract for web hosting. It is planned that all community councils involved in the project pay a minimal annual fee which will pay the ongoing annual costs and be ready for the three yearly hosting renewal (expected to be approximately £650 in 2027).</p> <p>£2543.53 paid to Jans for 100 wrap around signs, cable wraps, reinforcement strips.</p> <p>We are awaiting confirmation of the requested £1393.80 Ward Discretionary Fund application to balance our books! £15 per sign is contributed by each participating community council.</p>

	<p>A massive well done to MB for all the hours and all the work she has put into this project.</p> <p>Suggestions for placement of our signs – 3 in Claigan/Coral Beach, 1 at Dunvegan Castle (Dunvegan Castle later asked for 2), Kinloch Campsite, St Marys, Church of Scotland car park, Atholl Filling Station, Orbst, Dunvegan Post Office, Hame Hotel, The Tables. There is already 1 in Dunvegan car park.</p>
6	<p>Road markings + grit bins – DC will email DM regarding how many grit bins are needed for round the outlying roads.</p>
7	<p>DCT report – Bryony Anderson is the new Gaeltec project manager. The playpark has hit a bit of a problem concerning boundaries but things are still moving.</p>
8	<p>25 year celebrations for Duirinish Stone – Donald Budge suggested that the photo of everyone at the raising of the stone should be enlarged onto canvas and all people identified. A showing of the video of the event could be shown on the Friday evening. A torchlight procession, we need to see if any permissions would be needed. The junior pipe band to be asked to play.</p>
9	<p>20mph survey – A survey is ongoing on at the moment asking for views on the 20mph speed restrictions. DCC view is that we are not particularly content with it but we are totally opposed to speed humps. TW will check the survey to see if we can leave a comment or not.</p>
10	<p>Wealth Building Strategy – DCC have noted the wealth building strategy.</p>
11	<p>AOCB – The minutes have not been forwarded to the Highland Council. MB will send the accounts and all of the minutes from when we reconvened to Willie MacKinnon as PM has no internet. We should then get the money from the Highland Council.</p> <p>Better signs are needed in the public toilets. Camper vans are still emptying their waste into the toilets as they say that they are not emptying chemical waste. PM will email the council to see how we can go about this.</p> <p>MB suggested that we could get people to sponsor the signs, all money donated could be pooled together and fund buying some aluminium alloy signs. MB will put something on the skye.scot website later in the year.</p>
12	<p>Next meeting – Tuesday 27th August at 7:30.</p>