



DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Committee Meeting Minutes: 14.01.25

1 Welcome & Apologies:

Present: Katy Lawrence (KL), Mali MacLennan (MM), Bryony Anderson (BA), Stuart Cullen (SC), Katie Mitchell-Wright (KMW), Leona Coull (LC)

On zoom - Sylvia Meyer (SY), Emma Jane Morrison (EJM),

Apologies: Jason Bold (JB)

KL welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of what the trust does and how it works to the new trustees.

2 Adoption of previous minutes:

SC proposed

EJM seconded

LC will upload minutes to the website

3 Gaeltec

- We are still waiting for a draft title indemnity policy, the reason for this is that there are rights belonging to the adjoining property to run a sewage pipe across the Gaeltec site to a septic tank outside the boundary fence. The seller hasn't provided information about whether this pipe exists or its route, so our solicitor is trying to insure against any claims made to lay a pipe or access it if it even exists.
- After last week's meeting, we have asked RD to pause the building warrant submission until we have an understanding on the cost of the current design.
- Also from meeting last week, we have signed off on the gym accessible shower layout with RD and decided to continue with ASHP with radiators as the sole inbuilt heating. Waiting to hear back from 2 insurers.

4 DO Update

- MM had an email from new tenants who bought a house within Cruachan woods. They would like to purchase a small piece of the land that runs by the boundary to the burn. It was suggested that we seek some advice from Morvern, our case worker in this matter. There were lots of strong views on protecting this area during the consultation process of this project, so it is critical that we proceed with caution.
- After the results of the arboricultural survey showed that lots of the trees at Cruachan would need to be removed, MM spoke to someone who lives locally and he thinks that this is absolutely necessary.
- There is an SLF stage 2 funding deadline at the end of February and MM will be submitting one for Cruachan.
- MM has received quotes for Orbst Farm house, which will form the SLF stage 1 application, which she hopes to have in by February.

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- We are unsure whether the wet pour has taken place due to the inclement weather. It is hoped that it will be completed this week.
- KMW suggested that we could use Microsoft forms for the play park inspections - it can be hooked up to a QR code which is visible in the park, and while you are down there, you could scan the code and do a quick inspection of the area and equipment.
- We are aiming for an official opening day event on Saturday 22nd February.
- MM will get the gate put back in place and the signs up asap.
- The CAP surveys are ready and finalised, they just need to be printed off and put into envelopes ready to be distributed. A physical copy will go to every house in the DCC area as well as there being an online copy. There is also a survey aimed at teenagers and another one for primary school aged children. It was suggested that we entice the teenagers to complete a survey by offering prizes. We decided on a £20 Las voucher, a £20 Misty voucher and £20 Third Ridge voucher.
- Leona & Mali will print out the survey and get ready to give to the local posties to distribute. There will be a box in The Post Office and the hall for folk to hand back in.
- A donation to the Postal workers Christmas night out was confirmed as £200 which will be given to the post office as a thank you for distributing the surveys.

**Actions: MM to speak to Morven re Cruachan land
MM will get the gate & signs put up at park**

5 DTAS training for committee

- KL mentioned that DTAS offers a 2 hour training session for committee members. We are to get back to Audrey from DTAS with the next few meeting dates to see if she would be able to attend or arrange a suitable date for this to take place.

Actions: KL contact DTAS to arrange training date

6 Wind 2

- The agreement of intent was signed at the meeting by KL.

7 Wind farm Developments

- There is a local steering group that is being pulled together to create a new legal entity for a Skye and Raasay wide community benefit. MM & KL had a meeting with John Laing about Duvnegan's 10% community benefit, there is no draft agreement for that yet, but Muirhall are offering £7k per megawatt, which is considerably more than any of the other developments at the moment. We will not go ahead with this until all of 'the near neighbours' are happy.
- We are currently getting paid by 12 x 100m turbines, at the Ben Aketil site, but they hope to replace these turbines with 9 x 200m structures. This is currently about to go to a public enquiry, as plans were blocked by councils.

8 Funding applications

- The grant for new indoor football goals for use by the indoor Dunvegan Football group was approved by the committee.
- The grant to help with hall fees for the Skye Board Game Club was approved by the committee.
- The grant for McCloud Drumming to help with the costs of their Samba weekend in Dunvegan was approved by the committee.
- MM noted that she had received an email about the possibility of DCT partially funding a cultural weekend based around writing, called 'Sgriobh' on the weekend of the 7/8th

March. They would like to attend DPS with an author for a session. All agreed that they should put in an application for this.

Actions: LC to contact all applicants

9 DCC

- SY noted that Sarah MacAskill has stepped down from DCC and Christine Brennan has since been co-opted on.
- SY suggested that it would be good to try and recruit some younger members onto the council.
- There has been a new person appointed in charge of the roads department, MacKenzie Sutherland.

10 AOB

- MM asked that LC sends all of our income and expenditure documents as well as bank statements from last year to our new accountant.
- The next item discussed was sensitive so not to be added to the published minutes at the moment.

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 25th February

Meeting closed at 9.05pm