

# DUNVEGAN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2024

Present – Laura Shirley (LS), Donna Campbell (DC), Philippa MacRae (PM), Sarah MacAskill (SM), Sylvia Meyer (SY), Tim Wallis (TW), Mandy Boswell (MB), Christine Brannan.

Apologies – Councillor Drew Miller

1	Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> – to be amended. Sarah Allan is Sarah MacAskill SM and Sylvia will be SY to avoid confusion.
3	<p><b>Treasurer’s update</b> – DC updated everyone. Currently £1067.40 in the bank.</p> <p>We are still to receive money from Dunvegan Trust and Highland Council.</p> <p>No grants have been applied for as yet.</p> <p>LS suggested that we ask DCT for more money.</p> <p>DC received notification from the Police that they have found the person who defrauded DCC last year.</p> <p>MB got forms from Loch Duart salmon farm with regard to funding towards signs.</p>
4	<b>Council update</b> – Councillor Miller was not at the meeting so no update available.
5	<p><b>DCT update</b> – DCT Update 26/03/2024</p> <p>Update on Active Projects</p> <p><b>Playpark</b> – THC has cleared away most of the defunct equipment in the park in the last week. Once THC has finished clearing the site, we plan to hold a volunteer day to spread topsoil if necessary and sow grass seed.</p> <p>Plans are underway for DCT to enter into a ‘popcorn lease’ with THC- this is the quickest way to allow work to commence on site, which will allow us to satisfy the timescale stipulations of the Community Regeneration fund and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which we hope to receive positive news from this week.</p> <p>This lease will not preclude a full ownership transfer in the future- according to the Community Ownership Support Service at DTAS it is a common precursor to an asset transfer, and normal practice because it is a much quicker process. We hope to have the park equipment ordered by June at the latest with installation in September.</p> <p>The Community Park Committee has been fundraising tirelessly, with many offers of support and cooperation from local businesses and groups in the area.</p> <p>The next events will be a screening of Wish by DMCC and a fantastic raffle organised by the Community Park Committee. The current fundraising total stands at just over £125k.</p> <p><b>Gaeltec</b> – We should have news on our application on the 10th of April.</p> <p><b>Cruachan Woodland</b> – Jon Hollingdale and Jamie MacIntyre have drafted a very in-depth study into the potential at Cruachan Woodland for the creation of woodland crofts and associated house plots. This will be released in the coming weeks on our website, along with a summary (it’s a 50 page document) and a community consultation.</p> <p><b>Community Minibus</b> – The minibus has successfully come under the umbrella of DCT, and is taking bookings as usual.</p>

	<p>We are operating under a section 19 permit, and the booking procedure requires a bit more paperwork but more people who passed their test after 1997 can now drive the bus provided they meet all of the booking criteria.</p> <p>We are looking at including a booking page on our website for simplicity's sake, but bookings will still be accepted over the phone or by email.</p> <p><b>Youth Representative</b> – We're keen to co-opt someone between the age of 16-21 onto our board, to make sure the views of the next generation are being voiced, heard and included in our work. If you know of anyone in the DCC area who might be interested, please point them in our direction!</p> <p><b>Community Action Plan</b> – We are currently seeking advice from DTAS on where to begin, but the first step will probably be establishing a working group for Action planning, which could oversee writing questions to suit our area's needs, and workshops with groups in the area.</p> <p><b>Ben Sca</b> – We have applied for a small CARES grant to cover the legal fees for advising on the best type of community body to pursue Shared ownership in the already consented development at Ben Sca.</p> <p><b>Signage</b> – We met with the Dunvegan Traders association to discuss signage. They are performing a photographic audit of existing signage and improvements they think would help.</p>
6	<p><b>Planning</b> – Atholl House Hotel have applied for change of use for their pod from being for staff accommodation to use for people who need accommodation for their work eg. Bus drivers who have no where to stay. The committee agreed there was no objection to the application.</p>
7	<p><b>Park Rangers</b> – due to lack of funding the Park Ranger scheme will not be continued. LS has heard of other Highland areas who have kept their Park Ranger – if this is true why have we lost ours. To be continued!</p>
8	<p><b>Recycling and bins</b> – There is no possibility of getting a recycle bin for cardboard. The Highland Council are bringing in changes to all household bins early 2025. Each household will have 3 bins – blue bin for paper, card and cardboard, green in for containers and a new bin for non recyclable waste.</p>
9	<p><b>Signage</b> – MB was in touch with the DCC on Barra who referred her to Police Scotland. She's now speaking with the local PC regarding the wrap around signs, she was informed that this would need to be Skye wide and will now get in touch with other community councils to gauge the interest.</p> <p>The police would deal with pictures/logos/info.</p> <p>We need to think of whom to approach for sponsoring the signs – suggested people were Jans and Talisker.</p> <p>Languages was another thought, SM suggested a QR code which could lead people to information in a variety of languages.</p>
10	<p><b>Co-opting</b> – As Lana has now resigned we are able to co-opt John Laing who has said that he is quite happy for this to happen.</p> <p>All members were happy with this.</p>
11	<p><b>AOCB</b> – Lana MacIntosh has resigned with immediate effect.</p> <p>PM will take minutes and type them up.</p> <p>MB will take on some of the other secretarial duties and SM will be in control of all social media. MB and PM will try and meet up with Lana to 'pick her brains' regarding all things that they are to take on.</p> <p>MB will now be liaising between DCC and DCT.</p>

	<p>PM suggested that a vote of thanks + a bottle of wine/bunch of flowers be given to Lana for all her hard work.</p> <p>MB mentioned the Intergenerational Connections Highland Roadshow which is taking place in UHI Inverness on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024. TW is quite happy to attend, there are limited places – fingers crossed!</p> <p>Donald Budge was in touch regarding the information panels below St Marys Church. Each panel will cost £95. Everyone agreed to this.</p>
12	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April. This is to be a closed meeting.