



DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Committee Meeting Minutes: 25.02.25

1 Welcome & Apologies:

Present: Katy Lawrence (KL), Mali MacLennan (MM), Bryony Anderson (BA), Stuart Cullen (SC), Katie Mitchell-Wright (KMW), Leona Coull (LC), Jason Bold (JB), Sylvia Meyer (SY), Emma Jane Morrison (EJM)

Apologies:

KL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Adoption of previous minutes:

JB proposed

EJM seconded

LC will upload minutes to the website

3 Gaeltec

- The issue of the pipe that appears to travel under Gaeltec from the property next door still seems to be ongoing. BA met with a tradesman who had been given a plan of where to find such pipe, and what was discovered was a capped off pipe. Corra does not believe that this is sufficient evidence that the pipe is not in use. Corra would like for the rights to be removed as they are currently still live. It was suggested that JB contacts Kenny Munro, current owner of property next door, to see if he has any information on said pipe. BA to contact seller to see if the issue can be resolved another way.
- The QS has produced a reinstatement quote for insurance purposes, putting a cost of £2.46 million for reinstatement, which is significantly higher than we are currently getting quoted for. BA will speak to Ali Morrison to see if he can seek any further quotes from other insurers.
- The SSEN application has not gone through and we have not been selected for the Crown Estate funding either. We did get quite far with this application and BA is going to ask for any feedback on the application.
- KL mentioned that she had circulated a draft Environmental Policy for Gaeltec and has asked all trustees to have a look over it, make any changes then it can be ratified and put in place.

Actions: JB to contact KM

BA to contact seller

BA to contact AM re other insurance quotes

ALL trustees to look over draft environmental policy

4 DO Update

- The playpark is complete. Kompan came back and fixed the issues that were outstanding. The official opening is set for Saturday 15th March. We have sent invites out to all of our sponsors for this project and local business' that have contributed along the way. We will have tea/coffee/baking/hot chocolate all available on the day. MM is to contact the McCloud Drummers to see if they would like to come along and play. MM has emailed DPS to see if they can find some children who would like to come and cut the official ribbon.

- MM suggested that we put a plea out on FB for anyone who has excess snowdrop/ bluebells in their garden that can be re-planted on the bank at the playpark.
- The flood risk assessment for Cruachan has come back in. It shows that both sites we had looked at would work, with 1 being preferable and the other needing some engineering, but also workable.
- We are still waiting on a response about the Farmhouse from SLF.
- The housing needs survey came back to say that 29 people had indicated that they would be looking for housing. CHT has recommended that we would need 20 houses in the area, but that 25 would be acceptable.
- The CAP surveys have ended and there has been an incredible amount of interaction - with over 130 completed surveys between paper ones and online ones, as well as a host of teenage and primary school aged surveys being completed.
- KL & MM mentioned that it would be a good time for us to write a brief for a feasibility study for community transport and start some data collecting.

Actions: MM to contact McLoud Drummers

MM to put plea out for native plants

KL/MM write brief for feasibility study for community transport

5 Environmental Working Group

- KL mentioned that there were a few 'disappointed' survey responses about the lack of nature related questions. KL has said that she would like to start up a working group to encourage folk to press on with any nature related projects, but with the trust's backing.

Actions: KL to set a date for an initial get together and see if there is an appetite for this.

6 Feedback on community power event

- KL attended the recent Community Power event in Glasgow. There were lots of trusts there who have / or would like to have their own wind turbines etc. She said that it was really interesting and came away with some really great information. The CARES funding is to be re-established with a pot of £9m, which is considerably more than previous years.

7 Sports Pitch

- MM has been in contact with someone who is a sports pitch consultant and would like for him to come up to Dunvegan and do a site inspection on the proposed site for a new sports pitch in Dunvegan to then carry out a feasibility study / survey.
- It had always been an idea to use the 'spoil' from the new housing development area to build up the pitch site, as in its current state it is very boggy. SC noted that the 'spoil' would need to be graded as some would not be suitable for using.

Actions:

8 Funding applications

- Trustees in general were supportive of the application to support Rachel O'Connor & Sarah MacAksill with hall fees and other items needed for their upcoming fundraising events, but they would like a more detailed breakdown of their costs.

Actions: LC to contact RoC for update on costs

9 DCC

- There will be an open day on Wednesday 25th March for members of the community to come and view the latest plans for the new school.
- 2025 marks 25 years since the Duirinish Stone was put in place - there will be a celebratory weekend taking place.
- There is an information meeting in Dunvegan Hall hosted by Kaly Kelp with regards to their proposed new kelp farms in and lochs local to Dunvegn on the 11th March, 3-6pm.
- Drew Millar noted that when people are reporting pot holes to the Council, that using 'what three words' it helps significantly.

10 AOB

- MM asked for approval to move forward with the Housing Needs Survey - this was granted.
- MM asked for approval to purchase items for the park opening day - this was granted.
- The Fire service have been asked if we can put a small shed in their grounds to hold items temporarily until the sale of Gaeltec has gone through - this has been approved.
- BA mentioned that we need to come up with a date for DTAS training. It was suggested NOT to have it on a meeting night. BA to suggest some dates and email them round.

Actions: BA to send round dates for possible DTAS training & send round

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 8th April

Meeting closed at 8.40pm