

DUNVEGAN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 6th June 2023

Present – Donna Campbell, John Laing, Lana MacIntosh, Philippa MacRae, Sarah Allan, Laura Shirley

Apologies – Councillor Callum Munro, Mali Messent (DCT)

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – approved and seconded
2. **Matters Arising** – all items covered in the agenda
3. **Police Report** – no report
4. **Treasurer’s Report including Hardship Fund** – DC updated the group. We have spent £2300 of the hardship fund which leaves £1250 left to spend. There is £200 left in the fuel fund at the Post Office. LS is being allocated £400 from the hardship fund to go towards resources for families in the area.
5. **Councillor Report** - Nothing to report on except for an issue with Japanese Knotweed around Lochside units and houses has been brought to our attention. The best way to deal with it is being weighed up between HC officers and Dunvegan Estate, who have offered some assistance.

Recent readvertisement of a unit (the last remaining one?) at Lochside closed with no applications. It will continue to be advertised with no closing date.

6. **Dunvegan Playpark** – SA updated the group. £200 was raised at the Coronation Afternoon Tea. Mali Messent (DCT) held a fundraising evening and raised £45 and £100 was donated from the Drama group. The first funding application for £25,000 has been completed and sent off by Kenny Nicolson so we wait to hear about that. The plans have gone to Dunvegan Primary School for comment, then they will be finalised. A letter has been drafted for all business in the area. An account is being created ready for crowd funding and gift aid.
7. **DCT Update** – MM sent her apologies but had emailed in the following on behalf of DCT - just wanted to mention parking/signage in the village. There was a Facebook thread regarding this recently. JL said he will email CM re signage for Carpark.

Bringing the public toilets into community ownership was mentioned again. JL said he would speak to JB.

It was also on my list to say that with the new SCIO constitution there is a space on the committee reserved for a CC member - it's not obligatory but if anyone was keen

– PM volunteered for this.

8. **Public Issues** – PM mentioned that the township clerk had not been approached re the land for the new cemetery. JL advised that it would be THC who would liaise with Common Grazing.
9. **AOCB** – DC mentioned again regarding getting a defibrillator in Harlosh. She spoke to someone from another area who had been involved with something similar. It was advised that the defibrillator has to be placed where it is accessible to everyone and close to the road. It requires a power source if the temperature goes below 3 degrees. DC to liaise with Lucky to be Here. JL had emailed Willie Mackinnon re getting a defibrillator in the carpark at Claigan and had received very positive feedback.

No good news regarding a new Primary School for Dunvegan. There is no funding available – costs have doubled and stakeholder meetings have stopped. The Parent Council and DCT would like to hold a public meeting but the stakeholders are saying no.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – 8th August 2023 (unless anything urgent requires an earlier meeting)