

DUNVEGAN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 11th October 2022

Present – Donna Campbell, John Laing, Sarah Allan, Lana MacIntosh, Philippa MacRae, Laura Shirley (School Nurse), Jason Bold (DCT)

Apologies – Councillor Callum Munro, PC Wynne

1. **Previous Minutes** – proposed and seconded by PM & SA
2. **Matters Arising** – all items covered in the agenda.
3. **Police Report** – PC Wynne sent his apologies but did forward the following information onto LM. The crime stats since last meeting are as follows:

Road Traffic - 3

Violence - 3

Fraud - 1

Vandalism -1

Theft by Housebreaking - 1

PC Wynne also wanted the following mentioned – “one other thing which has been brought to my attention is the lack of road marking in front of The Dunvegan and next to The Tables guest house. The Island (in front of The Dunvegan) has no road marking which means cars pulling into Dunvegan from Portree are not aware that the road is a double track road and not single track so they end up on the wrong side of the road. Vehicles are regularly on the wrong side of the road whilst turning into Dunvegan due to the lack of white lines”. JL going to forward onto Roads Department with a covering note.

4. **Treasurers Report** – DC updated the members. There is currently nearly £8000 in the account. All recent transactions been for grass cutting. £200 was paid out to Carole’s for flowers for Make Dunvegan Beautiful. Still to pay the invoice for the wreath for the Remembrance Service.

5. Councillor Munro update -

Lochside Units

Waiting confirmation/decision from NHS Highland of/on possible use of vacant unit. Cath Waters Ltd and Dunvegan Christian Fellowship (Unit 3) took up new leases in last 3 months.

Dunvegan School & Housing Development

I gave my apologies for the September 7th meeting and draft minutes haven't been circulated.

Dunvegan and Broadford schools went to Full Council on September 22nd and THC accepted that Dunvegan, Beaully and Park (Invergordon) Primary Schools should form a single bid bundle for SG consideration as part of the LEIP 3 (Learning Estate Improvement Programme Phase 3).

Dunvegan Cemetery

Positive results from the drill holes mean that HC officers are confident that any issues SEPA raise can be complied with in the development phase. (The area we looked at in December 2021 to the east of the current cemetery). The next hurdle is the significant capital outlay to develop access road, drainage, fencing and lair layout. HC officers are meeting elected members in mid November where the case will be made to take this forward.

Waterstein (additional layby)

This remains on the roads capital plan, but is most likely to be done to tie in with a carparking development at a future date. Again resources available don't allow every improvement to be done as soon as desired. Other similar developments will be the carpark and toilets at Claigeann. I'll ask for outline dates for both these and forward to the Chair.

Housing

The housing officer who would be best placed to give some feedback on allocations is on Annual Leave this week but with advance notice of a future meeting I'm sure their attendance could be arranged if the CC wish this. Obviously, very high demand in Skye and allocations are made on the number of points accumulated, and I'm sure that regularly that someone who seems to have obvious need is perceived to be overlooked, but someone with higher points gets the house. Recent conversation around housing is that almost 100% of those on HHR who receive a Skye allocation have some local connection or other.

Windfarm Consultation – personal thoughts.

Having DCT working out a common position with other CTs is sensible. It also allows Dunvegan and district residents to express any thoughts they have to DCT as appropriate. I think, if all CC members (or a majority) are in agreement and wish to hear from a windfarm developer that as long as it is clearly minuted that the developer provided only information, and answered questions, on a proposal that is acceptable. I would be making it clear to the developer too that it is only on that basis you wish to engage as you wish to be as well informed as possible, but at the same time the CC represents a constituency with a wide variety of views. The CC is elected and is free to take a position on anything but, I'd say, that care should be taken when and where you do this.

6. **Fuel Fund** – PM confirmed that there are still £200 of vouchers at the Post Office. Jason Bold (DCT) advised that the Trust will be working with CAB to offer a hardship fund. They are hoping to get this up and running in November. This will not be means tested. It is a £500 award for fuel, food, any hardship. The application forms are currently being drafted. Money should be with applicants swiftly after they apply.
7. **Dunvegan Playground** – SA informed the group that they now have a sub-committee consisting of 8/9 members and that they will be fundraising at the Christmas Fayre. They are still currently waiting on DCT becoming a SCIO. The application is in, so should be up and running by the end of the year.
8. **Grass Cutting** – This is now finished for the year. The Community Council wish to thank Murdo MacIver for all his efforts.
9. **Christmas Lights** – LM advised the group of the cost of some new lights for the village. LM to get a quote from Highland Council for putting up existing lights and installing brackets for the new lights. JB said he would speak to other DCT members about contributing to the cost.
10. **Lochside Shops Progress** – The Chairman briefed the members about the ambitious plans that are proposed for unit three. The members are delighted with the plans and offer their full support for the proposed Community Cafe and other plans
11. **Windfarms** – Jason Bold advised that there had been lots of discussions. It was agreed by all that any profits would need to be spent locally. It was discussed that maybe a public meeting would be a good way of getting wider community feedback. DCT are in discussion with Struan and Edinbane Community Trusts.
12. **AOCB** – Meeting dates for the future –
 - 22nd November 2022
 - 10th January 2023
 - 21st February 2023
 - 4th April 2023
 - AGM to be confirmed