

DUNVEGAN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 29th AUGUST 2023

Present – Donna Campbell, John Laing, Lana MacIntosh, Philippa MacRae, Laura Shirley, Mali Messent (DCT), 3 x members of the public

Apologies – Sarah MacAskill, Councillor Calum Munro

1. Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of last Meeting** – approved by PM and seconded by LS
3. **Matters Arising** – all items covered in the agenda.
4. **Police Report** – no local police presence currently in Dunvegan. LM spoke to Lesley Campbell from Portree Police Station and she advised that Police Scotland no longer provide figures/stats to Community Councils. LM to send future meeting dates to Lesley Campbell and if an officer free, they will attend the meeting.
5. **Treasurer Report** – DC updated everyone. Currently £7600 in the bank. Since the last meeting, we have received £4000 from DCT and £468 from THC grant. There have also been a number of emergency payments since the last meeting. Grass cutting has also been paid for. There is still £1225.20 left of the Corra Funding. DC will go back to Corra to ascertain if we can still use this money if there is anyone in need. Up until now the fund has been used for food, utilities, fuel and children's needs. PM advised that there is not much left in the fuel fund at the Post Office. There has been payments made of £750 in the last couple of months.
6. **Playpark Update** - SA not in attendance but provided the following update to LM – just waiting on crowd funding page being set-up. Kenny is putting in an expression of interest for THC regeneration funding. There are a few fundraisers planned and they are currently sitting at £4000. JL mentioned that there was potentially £125,000 of funding available from the Crowne Estate. He will forward email to MM.
7. **DCT Update** – MM mentioned that it would be helpful if DCC and Dunvegan Primary School could submit a formal letter of support for the playpark. MM also advised that the survey had closed re the purchase of Gaeltec and asked if DCC could write a formal letter of support for this too. She is also going to write to Dunvegan Hall Committee.
8. **Defibrillators** – The British Heart Foundation have funding that will be available in October which could fund 1 defibrillator. DCT are putting £8000 and DCC are putting £2000 towards getting 4 defibrillators in the DCC area. Currently the 4 are planned for 1 x Harlosh, 1 x Roag, 1 x Filling Station, Dunvegan and 1 x Community Café in

Dunvegan. It has also been asked if one could be a condition of planning for the toilets down in Claigain. There is a Lucky to be Here App which you can download to your phone which shows a map of the locations of the defibrillators. Lucky to be Here will also offer training once the defibrillators are in place.

9. **Windfarm Response** - The CC were invited to comment on the proposed repowering and extension to Ben Aketil windfarm by 4th August. Posted on Facebook page on 12th July for public comment. One comment was received opposed to the development by the end of July. The CC considered the application and unanimously agreed to no objection in response. It is extremely disappointing to have comments made against this CC from Ian Williams who is part of an anti-windfarm group, alleging or at least wondering if palms have been crossed. What a slanderous scandalous allegation to make against the members of this Community Council to suggest or even think that any one member of this CC would stoop to bribery in the interests of this community is beyond contempt. The members here have only the best interests of the community at heart and give up much of their valuable time for the community and comments like we have recently seen are not in any way acceptable. JL advised the public that there would be no further debate on the matter.
10. **Skye Reinforcement Project** – planning application has been submitted and responses are due by 22/09/2023. This affects south Skye.
11. **Community Council Elections and future meeting dates** – Nominations will be open from Monday 4th September. You can nominate yourself by completing the online nomination form which will be available at www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections. Suggested future meeting dates are as follows –
 - 3rd October – to conclude any outstanding business
 - 14th November
 - 19th December
 - 30th January
12. **AOCB** – DC mentioned how appalled she was at the state of the over flowing bottle bank and bins in Dunvegan Car Park.

MM mentioned that DCT happy to provide funding for improving the signage in the village.

SW asked for further discussion on the Windfarms – JL pointed out that it was on Facebook for everyone to see and that the date for discussion had passed. SW acknowledged that she hadn't actually seen the post.

It was also discussed that some members of the community do not have access to social media so it would be beneficial if correspondence could be displayed in the CC noticeboard.

SW enquired about the upcoming elections. Information will be displayed on FB page nearer the time.

DB mentioned the noticeboards for St Mary's Church and how illegible they had become. He agreed that he could rectify this. JL advised that he would be recompensed for his time and if he could give an indication of price.

DB also thanked and congratulated the members for their continued service to the community.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 3rd October 2023