

DUROR & KENTALLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MEETING Monday December 13th 2021 at 7pm Duror and Kentallen Community Centre

Present: Alex Smith, Pat Young, Geoff Nix, Lis Robertson, Claire Howell, Steve Bignell, Dicky Weir, Kay Duffy, and Lea Thomson (secretary)

Apologies: Jonathan Baxter (acting Chairman), Richard Wilkie, Sara McNeill, Jeannie Macleod, Sandy Stoddart, and Stephen Softley.

1. Apologies

- as above

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021

- approved as correct by Dicky, seconded by Claire

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Duror Diggers** - will be discussed by Jonathan in the next meeting
- **Playground equipment updates** - Pat advised the swing set has been ordered, with the deposit paid by the Hall Committee. Will be delivered in February. The Highland Council have agreed to provide £4,600 from the Developer Contribution towards the set and the remaining balance will be split equally to be paid by the Hall Committee and the Community Council. There will be an annual maintenance fee which is yet to be confirmed but could be around £250. This payment will also be split 50/50 between the hall and the community council.
- **Cuil Bay parking issues** - Geoff advised he has had no response from the Highland Council about this, so phoned Dot recently, who said she will look into it.
- **Main Road Bench Refurbishment** - Dicky advised that it would be cheaper longterm to buy a composite bench. Lis has looked into pricing on this and has sent an email, which will be circulated to all members and co-opted members.
- **Broadband** - now promised by Openreach for late 2022. Dicky pointed out that although it says he already has fibre, it is not to the door so is very slow.

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He will look into the process for getting fibre extended to the premises and will report back to the committee. Geoff said that all new installations will be fibre to the premises.

- **Road Safety** - draft letter from Richard Wilke has been circulated. Geoff asked if it could be extended to include mention of the bad sight-line caused by the bridge parapet when pulling out of Cuill Bay onto the main road. Steve suggested we also ask if we could get the speed dropped to 40 or 30 all the way from Richard's house to Kentallen. Richard to report back at the next meeting.
- No other matters

4. Treasurer's Report

- In abeyance until a new chairman is elected. Current account currently holds £9,622.66 and the deposit account holds £3,795.27.

5. Correspondence

- **Personal Safety** - reminder re phone fraud and safe use of social media over Christmas from Stephen Softley.
- **Forestry Plan** - feedback from Rob Coope and others regarding the Forestry Plan circulated after the last meeting is that it will have little impact on the Duror and Kentallen area.
- **Duror Hydro Community Contribution** - considerable discussion about the legal points regarding holding the money, especially in relation to a trust. Lea to track down the minutes where this was discussed and circulate them to the committee. Geoff is happy to do more research on this if required.
- **Common Good Land** - Lis will ask Neil Malcolm if he is aware of any common good land in our area, but the consensus is that the nearest common good land is in Ballachulish. Steve pointed out that when the Forestry Commission sells land, they have to give the community council and local charities first offer before open sale.

6. Planning

No new submissions as at 2/12/21

Awaiting decisions on:

- [Erection of 4 flats and associated works, Cameron Brae, Kentallen](#)
- [Renewal of permission for house on land 60M SE Of Achindarroch Farm Duror](#)

Approved:

- [Erection of house and erection of 2 chalets for holiday letting purposes \(Land 100M West Of Invernahyle Duror\)](#) (approved November 30th 2021)

7. COVID - Area updates and meeting changes

- No meeting in January 2022 but we will need to review COVID situation mid January and confirm if we are to return to online meetings in February.
- Dicky to meet with Alan Young to devise an appropriate and detailed risk assessment for further meetings. Jonathan to sign off on it as acting chairman.

8. Community Council Membership

- **Resignations** - Chris Pearman as elected member and Claire Howell as co-opted member. The Council formally expressed their gratitude for the dedication of Chris and Claire in their roles and thanked them for their support. Claire has asked to remain as an associate member.
- **D&K Community Council is now inquorate.** Elections will be arranged by the Highland Council. There is a lack of clarity over how and when this will take place. Jonathan to get full details from Dot and circulate to all members.
- **Vacant Chair Position** - Jonathan continues as acting Chair - Geoff has volunteered to take on the role if required.
- **Pat Young** nominated as vice chair by Alex, seconded by Steve. Unanimous vote of approval by attendant members (1 elected and 3 co-opted). Jonathan had also emailed to express his approval of her taking on this role.
- **Geoff Nix** nominated as co-opted member by Pat, seconded by Steve. Unanimous vote of approval by attendant members (2 elected and 3 co-opted)
- **Kay Duffy** nominated as co-opted member by Pat, seconded by Alex. Unanimous vote of approval by attendant members (2 elected and 3 co-opted).

9. Any Other Business

- **Declaration of interest:** Jonathan has taken a part-time job as caretaker for the Achindarroch Hydro Schemes. The committee has no issue with this, but Jonathan will not be able to participate in any Council business relating to the Hydro.
- No questions from the public, committee members or ex-officio committee members

10. Date of Next Meeting

- Monday 14th February 2022