



**DUROR & KENTALLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 12th October 2020**

**Zoom Session
AT 7.00PM**

Present: Sandy Stoddart (*Chairman*), Rachel Shepton (*Vice Chairman*), Jonathan Baxter (*Treasurer*), Steve Bignell, Pat Young, Jeannie Macleod, Becky Coope (*Secretary*)

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

- **Duror Primary School/Nursery** Charlotte was to converse with Sandy as to the best way forward, but has now passed this over to Claire Hannaway and Sara McNeill to deal with as they both still have children at the school. Sandy will follow up with them.
- **Covid Resilience Group** All is quiet at present. Rachel will put another reminder out on FaceBook that help is available from the Hardship Fund should anyone require it. Some in the village want to keep the ‘thumbs up/down’ signs visible in their windows. There was a discussion about the possible misunderstanding of a red thumbs down being displayed. Some could see it as “I need help”, others as “I am self-isolating, please stay away”. Clarity may be useful as we go through the next stage.
- **Glen Duror Hydro Scheme** Although assurances had been given by the developers that construction work would not have an adverse impact on the community, Sandy reported that here have been multiple problems with work on the Glen Duror scheme. Whilst it was recognised that the workers on the site have been helpful with those using the forest, there have been some serious issues. One which caused the greatest concern was when pollution was noticed in the river. On investigation by suitably experienced members of the community, it was found that little or no effective silt management had been put in place at the various worksites. FLS, HC Planning, SEPA and the fisheries management board were all informed, and as a result, work was instructed to be halted immediately on any of the sites near watercourses until effective silt management had been put in place. The developers were also instructed to appoint and pay for an environmental clerk of works. Thankfully, things seem to be better for now and a recent SEPA inspection of the sites confirmed that they were happy for work to be resumed and that inspections will continue of the work sites. There have also been a number of other problems with the build: noise management, damage to road verges, and the use of private driveways for off-loading machinery. Sandy contacted the Planning Dept regarding various issues but was told it could be 6 weeks before any anything would be investigated. Sandy requested that if people have any further problems regarding the work on the scheme they should contact him, so issues can be raised with a single voice.
- **Cuil Bay Tourism** There are still some problems with camper vans at Cuil Bay. Currently however the issue is with a more permanent campsite consisting of a number of caravans complete with dog kennels that have been at the beach for a week or so. This is thought to be a regular group that come each year for a couple of weeks then move on, however there seem to be more dogs than usual which is of worry to those with livestock in the area. Sandy has spoken with PC Stephen Softley and will follow things up with Jamie Malcolm. It is hoped that the situation will improve as the season ends and give time for a solution to be arrived at before the spring.
- **Noticeboards** The new noticeboards for Duror and Kentallen have been ordered and should arrive in the next few weeks. Custom made headers for the boards proved expensive - Becky will arrange a more cost effective option.

Planning

Mr & Mrs J Connolly. Application to renew planning permission for house on site in Cuil Bay.

Rena Cameron. Application to renew planning permissions for 2 houses on ground to east of Glenview, Duror.

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Police Contact

There have been some questions regarding whether or not it is possible to contact local Police directly should an issue occur, rather than using the national 101 helpline which is often difficult to access. Sandy contacted PC Softley who

confirmed that it is best to use the 101 number as cases are then logged and can be recorded and followed up. Any local contact would not necessarily result in a case number being allocated and consequently it would appear that there are less incidents than there actually are, which can have a detrimental affect on the continuing level of local policing. If anyone has serious concerns - as with a recent incident regarding a suspicious person - then they should not hesitate to dial 999 if they feel an urgent response is required.

Remembrance Day

Due to the current Covid restrictions, it will not be easy to hold any service at the War Memorial this year. It was decided that a wreath should be purchased - Pat will arrange - and that someone will be lay the wreath on the day, with Sandy reading out the names of those remembered on the memorial as usual. An e-mail will be circulated to this effect, asking people not to attend due to the current restrictions. Jonathan will draft one and send to Sandy.

AGM

The next meeting will include the AGM. It will require reports from the Chairman and Treasurer and appointment of Office Bearers.

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will on 9th November 2020 at 7pm.