



**DUROR & KENTALLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FIRST MEETING 11th NOVEMBER 2019
HELD IN KENTALLEN AND DUROR COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr Niall McLean, Sandy Stoddart, Jonathan Baxter, Steve Bignell, Jeannie Macleod (*ex officio*), Chris Pearman, Rachel Shepton, Pat Young, Becky Coope. Ross Allward and Alison Wallace (*part*)

Apologies for absence: Chris Clay

Cllr McLean, as chair on behalf of Highland Council, welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the new Duror & Kentallen Community Council.

Election of Office Bearers

Sandy Stoddart was nominated as Chair by Jonathan Baxter and seconded by Pat Young

Rachel Shepton was nominated as Vice Chair by Jonathan Baxter and seconded by Sandy Stoddart

Jonathan Baxter was nominated as Treasurer by Sandy Stoddart and seconded by Chris Pearman

Becky Coope was retained as Minutes Secretary

Cllr McLean then handed the meeting over to Sandy Stoddart as Chair. Sandy welcomed the other members of the Community Council: Steve Bignell, Chris Pearman and Pat Young.

Adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Constitution and Standing Orders.

Associate Membership

The CC was asked to consider granting Associate Membership to other groups in the villages such as the Parent Council and Hall Committee. There was a discussion about the implications of this, however it was felt that this would need to be considered at more length and therefore a decision will be made at a later date. Many of the groups in the villages have close ties through committee members and a degree of cooperation already takes place, however it may be beneficial to formalise this in some way.

Future Meetings

Sandy confirmed that the CC meetings will continue to take place on the 2nd Monday of each month, with occasional breaks in summer and winter as seen fit.

Matters Arising

- **War Memorial Handrail.** The wooden handrail has now been inspected and approved by Davie Lamont of HC. It is now covered by the HC insurance policy.
- **Present Voices, Future Lives Exhibition.** An interactive exhibition will be held in the Nevis Centre, Fort William on November 20th. Hosted by Edinburgh University School of Architecture it is aimed at shaping a resilient housing policy for 2040.
- **Sustrans 'Opinion Survey' re crossing at Dalnatrat.** Lucy Clark of Sustrans has contacted K&DCC inviting local people to participate in a survey to evaluate perceptions on safety of the Dalnatrat Crossing. This will be done through the community e-mail. Niall reported that there have been some delays with the construction of the final section of track through Achara, but it is still hoped that work will be finished by Christmas.

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Article in Lochaber News

Jonathan raised the matter of a recent article in Lochaber News by John Fotheringham of Spean Bridge, lamenting the fact that the opinions of Community Councils are not always taken seriously by Highland Council. He wished it to be minuted that he agreed with this sentiment. Others also agreed but it was not agreed that K&DCC should formally adopt this view.

Co-opting new K&DCC Member

As there were still spaces on the new CC, Jonathan proposed that Jeannie Macleod be co-opted to stand once again as a member. Jeannie agreed and was nominated by Jonathan and seconded by Sandy.

Cemetery Parking

Alison Wallace told the meeting that she and Ross have been pursuing the plan to provide extra parking for the cemetery on part of their ground on the east side of the road. Niall, Alison and Ross will discuss further options to link this to Achara.

Road Closures

Chris noted that road closures are planned on 1st Dec to carry out repairs, but that these do not include the bad section at the Ballachulish Hotel.

Community Council Liability Insurance Cover

Steve raised the question of liability cover for Community Council Members. It was confirmed that this used to be done through HC but that now each CC has to take out its own policy. This is done through Zurich Insurance. Becky said she would forward the relevant paperwork to all members.

Steve also asked if the CC should sign the Constitution. It was agreed that the minute that the Constitution had been adopted should suffice, but that Office Bearers will also sign a copy.

Memorial Wreath

Pat presented the receipt for the Memorial Wreath. Jonathan confirmed that this is being donated by Nigel and Sally from Kentallen as in previous years. This was gratefully acknowledged.

Land in Duror Niall has purchased a block of land at the Achindarroch junction and wishes to discuss proposals with the community. He will make a presentation at the December meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was closed at 7.55pm

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will on 9th December 2019 at 7pm.