



DUROR & KENTALLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10th JUNE 2019 HELD IN KENTALLEN AND DUROR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.00PM

Present: Sandy Stoddart (*Chairman*), Dave Shepton (*Vice Chairman*), Chris Clay (*Treasurer*), Jonathan Baxter, Malcolm Knowlson, Jeannie Macleod (*ex officio*), Chris Pearman, Rachel Shepton, Pat Young, Becky Coope (*Secretary*)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Andrew Baxter, Joanne Baxter

In Attendance: Connie Anderson, Sandra Jamieson, Janice Murray

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM in June 2018 were approved without amendment.

Chairman's Report

WW1 Commemoration: Sandy reported that he had taken over as Chairman for the November 2018 meeting. At this time a display commemorating WW1 was being held within Duror Parish Church as the community's contribution to commemorate the end of the war. The display had been visited by many people including the local schools, who had also made poppies to add to the exhibit. He gave grateful thanks to all those who had been involved in this wonderful display.

He further reported that the undergrowth had been cleared from the War Memorial in time for the Act of Remembrance on 11th of November and that plans are underway to install a handrail on the path up to the memorial in time for this year's service. A plan for an alternative access path has been abandoned in the meantime.

Sustrans: The completion of the multi-use path has been subject to on-going discussions over the past year. Following some delays Sandy reported that we are now close to hearing a firm completion date for the final stretch of the path through Achara and Highland Titles. The primary school are delighted with work at the old bridge to give them an outdoor classroom.

Glen Duror Hydro Scheme: The application to extend the size of the scheme has caused concern to some residents, but Sandy felt that a visit from the developer in March had allayed most of their fears.

Sustainable Education: Plans for the future organisation of primary schools in the area have caused some concern and been the subject of many meetings. A meeting of the relevant committee on the afternoon of 10th June may clarify the situation. Highland Council have been unequivocally negative about the prospect of future Nursery provision in Duror.

Newsletter: Together with the Hall Committee, the Community Council was pleased to publish a first community newsletter in April, which was widely distributed and well received. The Facebook page has been getting attention and there are plans to update the community website. Appropriate GDPR measures have been undertaken with respect to the community e-mail list.

Community Council Grants: As the bank balance is fairly healthy, the CC have decided to invite applications for grants for community projects, or from individuals for particular expenses. Each application will be considered on its merits.

Village Tidy: This was held on April 6th, and the verges along the main road were cleared as well as Cuil Bay. Many bags of rubbish were gathered, especially from the roadsides. Refreshments were enjoyed at the Bay afterwards. Sandy thanked Jeannie and everyone who took part.

Other Matters: Sandy and Jonathan met with representatives from Transport Scotland to discuss Achindarroch Junction and safety around the cemetery. This was a pleasant but not particularly helpful meeting. Sandy has attended the local Transport Forum, meetings about re-introducing a community mini-bus; peer to peer support; the FW 2024 plan and a number of others. The CC has considered local planning matters throughout the year and has endeavoured to ensure that the community's interests have been represented as widely and effectively as possible.

The Chairman ended his report by reminding people that everyone is welcome to attend CC meetings which are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. He thanked his fellow Councillors and everyone else who works hard to try to ensure that this becomes an even better place to live.

Questions from the Floor

Janice asked for clarification of what work was being carried out at the old bridge by Sustrans as nothing has happened to date. Sandy confirmed that Sustrans had stated that they would be creating an outdoor school room by the old bridge as well as clearing the bridge. It was also confirmed that Sustrans have visited the school as part of their STEM programme to introduce the pupils to aspects of engineering. This had been well received by the school.

Treasurer's Report

The total income for 2018/19 was £860.08. This was made up of £360.08 from Highland Council Grant and a £500 donation from the Bealach Hydro Scheme.

The Expenditure in the year was £234.77 which included secretarial expenses of £62.50 and £44 planning expenses investigating the possibility of a new access path to the War Memorial. This gave a surplus for the year of £625.31. The Balance brought forward was £5435.71 which left a total balance in the Current Account at the year end of £6061.02.

The Deposit Account has a balance of £3784.40 after the interest of £6.26 was added, leaving an overall balance of £11,0007. £2500 of this is earmarked for the Generator Fund.

Questions from the Floor

Jonathan asked if the £1000 grant which had been promised from H2O had been received in respect of the Glen Duror Hydro Scheme. Chris confirmed that it had not been received to date.

Election of Office Bearers

The existing office bearers were all willing to stand again and all were duly re-elected. The meeting was reminded that CC elections will be held this November.

Date of Next AGM

A provisional date of June 2020 was set for the next AGM.

Sandra Jamieson thanked the Community Council for all their work over the past year.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.