Present: Gordon Sutherland **GS** (Chair) **JB,** Neil Hampton **NH**, Jim McGillivary **JM**, Lynne Mahoney **LM**, Alison MacWilliam **AM**, Catherine Moodie **CM**.

Apologies: Joan Bishop, Paddy Murray, Yvonne Ross

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| 1. | Minute of meeting of 15 January 2019 | Proposed by **NH** seconded by **JM.** |
| 2. | Matters arising not covered elsewhere | 1. It was noted that Lucy Wright had resigned as Dornoch Ambassador and a replacement was being sought. |
| 3. | Membership and Stakeholder applications | None to report. |
| 4. | 2018-9 plan | Calendar update |
|  | a. Visitor Centre | 1. There were 665 visitors in January, up 30% on 2018 |
|  | b. Business Group | 1. 2018 data – only two visitor attractions, five B&Bs, five self-catering properties and three shops had responded to date. 2. VisitScotland Meeting. No progress, to carry forward to next meeting. |
|  | c. Developing the Cruise Liner market. | 1. Full page Dornoch advert in Port of Call magazine. 2. Short FAM trip from Excursions Ltd on 19 February. |
|  | d. Month by month plan. | 1. Fibre Fest, 8-10 March 2019 – it was reported that many workshops already sold out. 2. Dornoch 2019 leaflet – 35,000 at Landmark for Highland distribution; 7500 on order for local use. |
|  | f. Project Curlew | 1. Fund Raising sub-committee update: nothing to report. 2. Ironside Farrar: **GS** has organised a public event at the Social Club on Friday 22 March to present the design drawings to the public. Julian Farrar will be there to answer questions. Feasibility study and business plan to be ready by end April. **GS** to give latest version of drawings **PM**. 3. ANM Option Agreement: not signed but everything is in hand. They unable to sell the land until next April due to a current grant. 4. Natural & Cultural Heritage Fund: **CM** now progressing this. **JB**, **GS**, **CM** have a meeting with a representative of the fund who will also come and visit the site. The need to promote the cultural side was stressed and ideas included a curling exhibition and winter ice festival. **YR** suggested speaking to Highlife Highland about using it as a venue for running the Summer Activity Club which would show a good use of space for all age groups. **GS** to follow up with Fiona Hamilton. 5. **CM** reported on various funding streams she is looking into, along with the deadlines and will report again at next meeting. |
|  | g. Dornoch Police Station | 1. SLF Stage 2: **CM** now progressing this, fund to be submitted by mid-March. Should hear by 23 May. 2. Police Scotland: local consultation underway and Police Scotland to decide whether they want to retain a space in the building. They would provide a decision by April. 3. Renovation Funding: Meeting with Alan Webster, Highland Council, on 22 January was very encouraging for RCGF. 4. **CM** is currently working on the Beatrice application. Two bids had been received for work up to the Planning and Building Warrant stage. 5. **GS** reported that the nine potential tenants are being kept informed and all are fine with progress to date. The priority is the gym and rooms for the other tenants. The crèche will follow next year. **YR** wondered about housing the Youth Club in the Police Station. **PM** to feed this into the requirements for the social club. **PM** wondered whether community groups would be able to use the kitchen as many groups currently use the Social Club kitchen for a variety of reasons. **YR** emphasised the importance of all groups and activities currently held in the Social Club being properly housed at either the Police Station or Curlew. Julian Farrar will be able to help with this. 6. **PM** reminded the Board that they could apply for planning and the building warrant through the community council and thus benefit from a 75% discount. |
|  | h. Community Development Manager | **GS** welcomed Catherine Moodie , who started on 28 January. Her main role at the moment is to deal with fundraising for the two principal projects. |
|  | i. Community updates | 1. Dornoch Community Council: they are planning to establish a company limited by guarantee then a SCIO to manage the community land, the area surrounding the caravan site and the new housing development land. They will look for representation from DADCA and DACIC. The Community Council are looking into establishing an aire down by the beach carpark for motorhomes. 2. DADCA: **PM** reported that they are putting any kind of development on hold until there is further news on Project Curlew/Police Station. **GS** to attend the next meeting with PM, Carol and Kim. 3. Embo Trust: They are currently looking for someone to take on the café franchise, in order that it is ready by the summer. |
| 7. | Financial statement |  |
| 8. | AOCB | 1. DONM: Tuesday 26 March at 7pm at RDGC. Tuesday 17 September instead of 24th. 2. **AM** reported on Dornoch Academy’s Global Citizenship Group’s project to make Dornoch plastic straw free, led by Kathryn Roper. 3. Business Group charges for 2019-20 – it was suggested that the charges be retained at the same level as 2018-19. This was agreed unanimously. 4. Real Living Wage for Scotland is now £9 per hour, up 25p/hour. It was suggested that all hourly rates should be increased by 25p/hour from 1 April. This was agreed unanimously. DACIC will apply to be recognised as a real living wage employer. 5. Community Consultation – KoSDT has now included Dornoch in the Sutherland Community Partnership. The survey is open until 2 June and is based on deprivation. It was agreed to defer this until after the next meeting. 6. Coul Links inquiry at the Clashmore Hall – there are two seats reserved every day for members of DACIC/Community Council. |