

Minute of the meeting of **DACIC** board 17th Feb 2022

Present: Joan Bishop **JB** (Chair), Gordon Sutherland **GS**, Jim McGillivray **JM**, Paddy Murray **PM** (by Zoom), Luke Watson **LW**

In attendance: Paula White **PW**, Glen McGill

Apologies: Neil Hampton **NH**, Shona MacDougall **SM**

1	Minutes of meeting of 20 th Januray 2022	The minutes were proposed GS by and seconded by JM
2	Matters Arising not covered elsewhere	None.
3	Minutes of AGM	Awaited from SM
4	New Business Group & personal members:	Glen McGill's personal membership was approved, and he was welcomed to the meeting. Glen is keen to get involved in the community have recently moved here.
5	Dornoch BID	Follow-up to meeting of 18 th January. Q&A prepared by SM distributed 11 th February. NH & SM to organise March meeting. Rateable Value list received and passed on to be updated. PBIF – possibility of match funding for BID. GS to liaise with Alan Webster.
6	Dornoch Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Manager's report issued previously and accepted. b. Hostel rooms – 2 for Castle from February and 1 for Royal Golf Hotel from April. c. Workshops restarted on 5th Feb. Possible volunteer for cookery club but not to take the lead. d. Youth club started this week - small numbers so far. e. Proposed to have Easter Egg rolling event with Mike & Tina Hook on the Hill @ the Hub. f. PW suggesting Gallery schedule for April to investigate artist interest in month at a time – perhaps an event starting with cheese & wine to kick off. PW authorised to pursue all options as thought best g. Two pop-up shops have been booked for February h. Tenancy renewals – no update as concentrating on Hostel. Possible 3-4 interested in office accommodation if vacancies arise. i. Tree surgeon – possible 6 weeks for HC approval so May start. Issue of crack in wall raised, but Iain Levens says no change in a year, but watching brief.. j. Silverback – issue around draught excluders on shutter doors and possible relocation of heat pump from Tain premises. Negotiations continue. k. Retention – list with Iain Levens, awaiting site visit with O'Brien Construction

		<p>i. Community transport – PW has updated prices for lease of electric car but still funding gap. Possible addition to PBIF bid?</p>
7	Project Curlew	<p>a. WM Donald on site – very advanced machinery, target completion 21st March. Working on SUDS basin & swale first.</p> <p>b. HOIL loan £65K, interest repayable from first day with capital after 3 months. Can restructure as required (e.g to pay back early).</p> <p>c. Additional ‘all risks’ option very disappointing – does not cover additional costs of £10K for turfing SUDs which is being queried.</p> <p>d. MUGA funding – (<i>application made in January to SSE £150k out of £335k</i>) – next is SportScotland bid (1st April) and Dornoch Common Good application. Possibility of private funding of Picket Ball court, discussion with RDGC member via Willie Mackay.</p>
8	Visit Dornoch	<p>a. Visitor Centre open Sat 10-2 with pop-up shops then Mon & Tues in February. All staff busy at different tasks.</p> <p>b. Royal Dornoch Mix & Match Sam Grant back 3-5 Feb. Horse riding, cycling, Aspen Spa, golf. Lloyd & Fifi - 26-27 Feb and 13-14 March (Fibre Fest). Scheme extended to 30th April so postponed trip now 24-25 April. Facebook advert charging resolved and good reach achieved.</p>
9	2022 Plan	<p>a. A949 signs updated for 2022 events. Fibre Fest first of the year.</p> <p>b. Cruise liner list released – 120 liners from 5 April to 9 October. Contact from Invergordon Bus Tours - Duncan MacLean for 2 hour stay in Dornoch – requests free parking. THC running car park (Shane Manning) and will attend to parking enforcement. Shore Street may need double yellow lines (two buses passing).</p>
10	Community Group Updates	<p>a. Dornoch Community Council main issues – Jubilee, Seagulls, Place Plan, Airfield, Dornoch Burn</p> <p>b. DADCA Rebrand to “Community Centre”, Car Boot Sales re-started as ‘Pre-loved & Craft Sales’ last Saturday of the month April – September. Good progress on Bishopfield land.</p> <p>c. Embo Trust Community Shop ticking over with new volunteers. Café open at different times and appears to be successful.</p> <p>d. UHI</p>

		<p>Main issue is amalgamation with West Highland College and Lews Castle College. Important to increase numbers enrolling for Hospitality courses working with local businesses to meet needs.</p> <p>e. <u>Historylinks</u> Plans under way for a Jubilee event.</p> <p>f. <u>RDGC</u> NH not present but no tee-times left on championship course for 2022. Estimate of 3,000 caddy rounds available.</p>
11	Financial Statement	Financials taken as read
12	AOCB	<p>a. Discussion around paper circulated about airfield – no interest in taking on this at this time.</p> <p>b. The Royal Golf Hotel has introduced a Community Card with 30% discount on food & drink purchases.</p> <p>c. Business map – only those paid up members to be included. JB to chase non-payers for final time.</p> <p>d. Luke Watson volunteered to take minutes next time</p>
13	DOMN	Thursday 17 th March 2022 in The Hub at 7pm (plus Zoom for PM with request for spider mike to improve sound).