

Minute of the meeting of **DACIC** board 20th Jan 2022

Present: Joan Bishop **JB** (Chair), Gordon Sutherland **GS** (by Zoom), Jim McGillivray **JM**, Neil Hampton **NH**, Paddy Murray **PM**, Shona MacDougall **SM**

In attendance: Paula White

Apologies: Luke Watson

1	Minutes of meeting of 9 th December 2022	The minutes were proposed PM by and seconded by JM
2	Matters Arising not covered elsewhere	None.
4	New Business Group & personal members:	Rob & Emma Smith, The Lochans - Approved
5	Dornoch BID	<p>18th January Information Meeting held at the Golf Club - 22 attended in person with 5 by Zoom. NH and SM gave a short review of the meeting at which there were no unexpected questions. SM to prepare a paper containing all the questions asked with the relevant researched answers. It will also include a plain English guide to how the consultation process works, how the voting system works and how the payment for each business is calculated. NH, SM & JB to proof read and Ginny Knox to review from a business perspective. Once agreed it will be circulated to everyone who attended the meeting and the wider Business Group. Aim for this to go out mid-February with a follow up meeting in March to confirm the desire to proceed with the BID consultation.</p> <p>JB had requested up to date rateable value list from Phil Tomalin (to form the database for consultation).</p>
6	Dornoch Hub	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Manager's report – Accepted b. Hostel planning condition variation – accepted but it can't be a resident's permanent address. Links House staff going end of January. 2 hostel rooms have already been enquired about. c. Postponed Workshops to be rearranged d. Review tenancy renewals. Most OK but Heaven Bikes may not due to space issues. We have a simple 2 page document to extend tenancy on the same terms. e. Investigate Pop Up shops, 2 already booked with another few interested. f. Start marketing F1 for hybrid meetings with conference camera.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Tree surgeon – two quotes £2.8k and £1.5k. It was agreed to wait until carpark contract finalised. h. Silverback – heating & insulation update. Meeting has been held and action to be reviewed by PW, JB & GS i. Outstanding items to clear retention –include slamming doors, some lights not working correctly and intercom units needing replaced. After these are fixed, and subject to no other issues, the retention will be paid. j. Community transport - £5k from Anne Duchess of Westminster but £10k was applied for. £4750 from THC this year and another £4750 next year but budget was for all funding over 2 years so will need to revisit.
7	Project Curlew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rural Communities Idea Into Action awarded £48,500 (and £24,500 received). b. Ward Discretionary Fund – £5k awarded towards legal fees. c. Planning conditions now satisfactory for issue of contract. Landscaping & maintenance plan submitted, pre-start road inspection & monthly monitoring agreed. Fairhurst have done 'cut & fill' mitigation to overcome 'no increase in levels' requirement. Removed pavements in front of new building for now to save budget. Final costing awaited from WM Donald & Fairhurst d. Contract to be issued on 24 January. Revised budget & 'all risks'. e. Advise Medical Centre of disruption. f. MUGA funding - application made to SSE £150k out of £335k. If unsuccessful may need to reduce size of MUGA.
8	Visit Dornoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visitor Centre open Sat-Tues in January. Paula working Wed-Fri so only one in the office at a time. b. Royal Dornoch Mix & Match Sam Grant back 3-5 Feb. Lloyd & Fifi - Hogmanay visit postponed, 26-27 Feb and 13-14 March (Fibre Fest) plus one more. Mix and Match may be extended by Visit Scotland. Facebook adverts appear be overcharging. Paula and Lucy investigating. c. Loony Dook – 11 am dip ESRA support – suggest they take event over now.
9	2022Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A949 signs to be updated. Check on whether Pipe Band will be playing during the summer. b. Cruise liner list released – 120 liners from 5 April to 9 October. c. Fibre Fest confirmed 12-13 March – including classes & Historylinks costume display in the Hub d. Updated map design – for You are Here boards and printed. New map board for Dornoch South. e. Food Fayre May – Probably 2023. Maggie Hope may run a book fair in 2023.

		f. Business data 2019 & 2021 to be requested
10		<p>a. <u>Dornoch Community Council</u> Ross Bartlett of THC will be carrying out a community consultation on 20mph limit in Dornoch. DACC supportive. ESRA £45K short of finishing new building. If DACC give £9.5k benefactor will donate the rest. This was approved. THC to start public toilets refurb on 31st January. Caravan site started a petition against THC offering overnight parking in beach car park when site was full or closed. Kintradwell Wind Farm – DACC have been asked twice to comments but felt it was not for them to do so. RDGC have lodged comments against it. Housing – in last 5 years 420 have been approved with 220 completed or in the pipeline, most are at Springfield. POT 170 – each housing unit contributes £1k to the pot so a potentially large, available for use in Dornoch. PM working with Springfield on a haul road for HGV's that would take them out of town centre. Highland Larder – rent agreed at £1.2k pa for 10 year lease with break potential at 5 years. It was felt that this was on the low side. Place Plan has been written with 5 main strands – Traffic/parking controls, Housing, Community leisure & sports facilities, Green spaces and the Square. Next stage is a community consultation.</p> <p>b. <u>DADCA</u> Sale of plots at Bishopfield – 5 plots for assisted housing and 4 to 6 on open market with proceeds for new community centre that would include Curlew.</p> <p>c. <u>Embo Trust</u> Café is open again doing well.</p> <p>d. <u>UHI</u> Main work is on the merger documents being reviewed. Need to push Simon Rodgers for relevant hospitality courses. Lloyd and Fifi tried simulator and UHI happy with coverage.</p> <p>e. <u>Historylinks</u> Closed at the moment. Exhibition this year on Miss Lyon.</p> <p>f. <u>RDGC</u> Recruitment drive to have enough staff for the busy season is the main thrust at the moment.</p>

11	Financial Statement	Financials taken as read
12	AOCB	GS – RDGC have conducted a members’ survey that will provide interesting information on what the members contribute to the town. Club to be invited to present findings to DACIC and DACC.
13	DOMN	Thursday 17 th February 2022 in The Hub at 7pm