

Minute of the meeting of **DACIC** board 9th Dec 2021

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

Apologies: None

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| 1 | Minutes of meeting of 18th November 2021 | The minutes were proposed GS by and seconded by LW |
| 2 | Matters Arising not covered elsewhere | <p>a. BID Questions raised as to whether £20K enough as all match funding rejected. Decision was made to review what was possible with £20K and follow up HIE offer of graduate support. Worst case, split work between Directors, and acquire Nairn BID documentation. Action: JB to create revised budget for £20k Action: JB to request updated RV list from Phil Tomalin Action: GS to update spreadsheet with this data. Action: JB to investigate HIE Graduate Scheme. Action: NH & SM to organise meeting of Business Group for 2:00pm on 18th January at RDGC. Action: NH & SM to set up BID Steering Group (with aim for BID to take responsibility for all aspects of Visit Dornoch and add all non-tourism businesses).</p> |
| 3 | Dornoch Hub | <p>a. Hostel planning condition 9 month for any one tenant – £349 charge to have this reviewed – in progress b. Five community workshops cancelled due to Covid c. Tree surgeon – Elms to come down and lopping elsewhere. Quote awaited d. ‘Lawn Ranger’ arranged for gutter & site clearing & gravel at rear of car park. e. Silverback Gym: Action to explore heating options with Crudens and review insulation</p> |
| 4 | Project Curlew | <p>a. Further grant of £48 ½ K awarded from Rural Ideas into Action to set against HOIL Loan. b. Parking fees hardware – £16k Shane Manning in kind c. Bid for £5K to Ward Discretionary to assist with legal fees d. Unresolved problems with HC Planning wrt Section 96 order for possible road dilapidation and flood risk e. WM Donald: offer of 10% price rise to accommodate all risks – matter to be agreed asap. f. Funding package is now in place. g. Note to advise Medical Centre when dates confirmed.</p> |

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| 5 | Visit Dornoch | <p>a. Visitor Centre – closed over holidays then 4 days a week in January. Very low numbers.</p> <p>b. Royal Dornoch Mix & Match Videos now released from Lloyd & Fifi first visit. Sam Grant and the Wee White Dug due 25-27 Nov then Lloyd & Fifi back 11-13 Dec and 31 Dec -2. Everything in order.</p> <p>c. Dornoch Christmas Festival & Lights On: Successful day Saturday 4/12/21 with Outdoor Christmas Market 10-2, St Andrews Fair in Social Club 10-4 and Xmas Fair in the Hub 10-2 (170 visitors attended the Hub).</p> |
| 6 | 2021 Plan | <p>a. AGM – Thursday 9th Dec. Completed.</p> <p>b. First draft of 2022 plan – meeting 3rd Thursday each month, known events added.</p> |
| 7. | Community Updates | <p>a. Dornoch Community Council. Main issues are Seagull Menace, Public Toilets, Beach Parking and recent significant uplift in housing developments as related to Pot 170. Action: PM & JM to investigate numbers of new houses in last 5 years contributing to Pot 170.</p> <p>b. DADCA. Purchase of Bishopfield plots proceeding OK.</p> <p>c. Embo Trust. New storage shed constructed. Café still operating.</p> <p>d. UHI. Amalgamation between North Highland College, West Highland College and Lews Castle College being negotiated.</p> <p>e. Historylinks Open till 19th December then closed until March</p> <p>f. RDGC. Wage rises approved. Minimum now £10/hour 12 ½ K visitors booked for 2022 and now capped due to staff shortages. Extra member rounds will be released. No new Members accepted for 2022.</p> |
| 9. | Financial Statement | Financials taken as read |
| 10. | AOCB | None |
| 11. | DOMN | Thursday 20 th January 2022 (Zoom or Hub tbc) |