

Minute of the meeting of **DACIC** Board 21st July 2022

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

In attendance: Tessa Palmer **TP**

Apologies: Shona MacDougall **SM**, Neil Hampton **NH**, Paula White **PW**

1	Minutes of Board meeting held on 16th June 2022	The minutes were proposed by JM and seconded by LW
2	Matters Arising not covered elsewhere	<p>a. Dornoch Airfield. Hugh Urquhart discussed and answered questions on his proposal to work with a community group to take over the airfield. The DACIC board was left with a greater understanding of the issues/solutions and it was agreed to prepare a paper summarising the risks and benefits of community involvement. Issues include: understanding income & expenditure, automation of payment of landing fees / projected income (HU estimated £3,000) / community views (dog walkers, model flying club). Main beneficiary is Skibo – what would their involvement be? Would it be an asset or a liability? Which would be the best community body e.g. Dornoch Trust. If there is not community involvement THC would advertise the lease commercially - HU might bid but is not based in Dornoch. (JB action point)</p> <p>b. “Micro forest” in the Meadows - discussed but agreed not a DACIC matter</p> <p>c. New business group & personal members: Steven & Anne George, Shepherd’s Hut Fiddler’s Green, Catherine McCulloch - Winston the Bear</p> <p>d. Shane Manning, Principal Traffic Officer at THC joined the meeting by Zoom. A substantial conversation was held on the THC’s draft plans for parking restrictions in Dornoch. These were generally well received with some caveats. Shane asked for DACIC & the Community Council to come back with comments prior to full community consultation. It was noted that the correct wording is still awaited for the two BUS STOP spaces in the Square so that fines can be issued to coaches parking there. In addition it was agreed to add the words “No coaches”.</p>

		e. The Courtroom - PM authorised to approach possible interested parties
3	Dornoch BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. JB reported that a grant of just under £10,000 from Common Good was likely to be approved b. Further £10,000 being sought from either DTAS, THC or HIE c. Possible savings identified in projected Budget of £40,000 - JB will liaise with NH & SM
4	Dornoch Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Manager's report for June was noted b. Still major issues with the heating system, specifically the wi-fi controlled thermostats on individual radiators. Awaiting response from supplier Danfoss before taking decision. A conversation with Highland Wireless about the issue was suggested.
5	Project Curlew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shane Manning advised that new advanced signage for the car park would be installed in the near future b. Plan for official opening awaiting EV chargers c. MUGA funding – £50,000 received from SportScotland, further funding applications in progress d. No further news from Dornoch Distillery, who have bought the old gas works building. We have agreed in principle to lease some of Dornoch South to them but, to satisfy the Scottish Land Fund, we need to prove the community will support their plans as an alternative to the driving range in our submitted business plan.
		DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS ARISING FROM THE TWO DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES, ITEMS 6 TO 11 WERE NOT COVERED AT THE MEETING AND WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD.
12	DONM	Thursday 18 th August @ 7pm in the Hub.