

**DORNOCH BID BOARD MEETING, 7pm Monday 23 June, Dornoch Hub.
MINUTES OF MEETING.**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ginny Knox (**GK**), Claire Bruce (**CB**), Jo Johnston (**JJ**) Catherine MacCulloch (**CM**), Robert Smith (**RS**), John Duhigg (**JD**), Colin Thompson (**CT**), Sharon Mackay (**SM**).

APOLOGIES: Gareth Dixon (**GD**), Jim McGillvray (**JMcG**)

	ITEM	DISCUSSION NOTE	ACTION
1	Matters/Actions arising from last minutes	<p>Town Tidy – 24 volunteers helped on 3 June. The next event is 1 July. Alina Scott’s social media reel had a great reach on social channels.</p> <p>Highland Broadband (HB) – CM said the new deal is not as competitive as last year’s offer. SM to discuss with HB why this is.</p> <p>Dornoch Town Wi-Fi – Colin is now in discussions with HB.</p> <p>Jobs Page – Caithness Chambers ‘Live North’ page is due to be complete end July. Elastic Creative designing the new site. CB to include a link to our website.</p> <p>Adoption of previous minutes - Proposed CB, and seconded CM</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>CT</p> <p>CB</p>
2	<p>Finance - monthly report</p> <p>Grant Progress</p> <p>Development of “We are Dornoch” proposal</p> <p>Opt-in membership fees proposal</p>	<p>JJ talked through the commentary notes shared within her financial papers which had been shared with the Board. GK thanked JJ for all her work.</p> <p>Grant Funding Application Updates – Of the four applications submitted to the Common Good Fund (Town Warden, Shop Front Improvements, Autumn Highland Festival Fortnight & Winter Light Trail and Discover Dornoch) only two were partly successful. Liam Clancy, HC’s Community Liaison Officer, advised that the Town Warden and Shop Frontage Applications were unsuccessful. The Winter Lighting Trail (WLT) within the Autumn Highland Festival was awarded the funding and the signage project was awarded 50% of what was applied for. CB to email Cath MacAngus for a written explanation as to why the other applications were unsuccessful. BID would like to know what criteria decisions are based on.</p> <p>SM said that the Highland Third Sector Interface applications (AHFF and Discover Dornoch) were also unsuccessful. The Fund was oversubscribed. An application for the AHFF is awaiting a decision by Highland Council’s Strategic Events Fund officers.</p> <p>CM shared a paper discussing ‘We Are Dornoch’ crowdfunding initiative be set up as a charity. Board asked that the team investigate the viability of joining it up with DACIC (Community interest co) and/or DADCA (already a charity) instead, and to avoid setting up another community body in Dornoch.</p> <p>GK and PS offered to do some research with guests on this fund might generate. The funds could be spent 50/50 on BID initiatives and community projects. At the earliest the funds would not be available until spring 2026.</p> <p>SM had shared the draft Opt In fees table with GD, CT and JD. CT confirmed he was happy with it. SM/GK to finalise.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>SM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>GK/PS</p>

