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25 YEARS AGO

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A proposal to lengthen Dornoch's airstrip on the Links by 300 metres to enable bigger aircraft to bring in parties of golfers from the south is shortly to go before the regional council for consideration.

A preliminary meeting has already been held between regional and district officials and the promoters of package tours for golfers – the Burnthills group of companies, who are the owners through Norscot Hotels of the Dornoch and the Royal Golf Hotels in Dornoch.

Revealing the proposal last week, Burnthills' chairman Mr Peter Ross said: "We are very keen to bring up parties of golfers to use the excellent facilities of the Royal Dornoch golf course and the other courses in Sutherland, and we have been investigating this very fully.

"But unfortunately the airstrip at Dornoch is not long enough to take in a load in the type of aircraft that we own. It would need to be extended by approximately 300 metres or marginally more or less."

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John Mackay of Corry, Rogart, 90-year-old retired farmer, helped to roll 460 fleeces at nearby Morvich Farm recently.

Said farmer George Murray: "We are lucky in this area in having some great old men – but none more active and energetic as John Corry. "He stuck at the job with a will, showing amazing strength for a man of his age."

Earlier this year, 94-year-old shepherd Alex Murray helped lamb a sheep in difficulty on his croft at four o'clock in the morning.

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