

27th. January, 1983.

"The Meadows"
Dornoch.
Sutherland.

Mr. R.F. MacPherson,
Sinclair & Macpherson,
37-39 Castle St.,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Macpherson,

Thank you for your letter of 10th. December, 1982.

I have pleasure in confirming our order for 2 x 3.5m. lengths of 6430 corded rails as per your quotation. Regarding the cording, the two lengths will be joined when assembled to make a single 7m. straight run.

Yours sincerely,

Peter G. Wild.
Secretary.

"The Meadows"
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Scotland.

27th. January, 1933.

Mr. Leary
Penny Pincher Ltd.,
203 Common Edge Road.
BLACKPOOL.

Dear Mr. Leary,

Further to our recent abortive attempt to hold a Sunday sale in Dornoch, this subject has now been fully aired in the local press and has now been discussed by our Management Committee and the Business and Trades Association.

It has been agreed not to hold any Sunday Sales in Dornoch so I have modified your future bookings accordingly. Trusting this is satisfactory and we look forward to seeing you on the 11th. April. Hope there is less ice on the drive this time!

Yours since ehy,

Peter G. Wild.
Secretary.

Dornoch Free Church Of Scotland

Minister

Rev. John M. MacPherson,
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Dornoch IV25 3SX
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Dornoch IV25 3LH
(Tel. Dornoch 307)

27 January 1983

Mr Peter Wild,
Secretary,
Dornoch Community Association

Dear Mr Wild,

We are writing you in response to your letter published in The Northern Times of 21st January.

With regard to the main issue, namely the holding of commercial sales in the Social Club, we are impressed by the working relationship you appear to have established with the Dornoch Business and Trades Association. We trust that the "give and take" attitude evinced will accrue to the benefit of both entities and of the community at large.

The point about which you are anxious to receive expressions of public opinion concerns the holding of sales on Sundays. Firstly, may we thank you for the considerate approach that you have adopted, and for your appreciation of the fact that in these matters "money is not everything".

Secondly, may we state unequivocally that should such sales go ahead, we shall be deeply disappointed. We sincerely hope that your Committee will stand firm against the suggestion.

We would offer the following reasons in support of our view that Sunday sales should not be held in the Social Club.

1. We accept that the Sabbath observance which we advocate is no longer practised by a majority of the people of Dornoch. We also recognise that in our complex modern society, the area of activities covered by "works of necessity and mercy", permissible on the Lord's Day, is wider and more difficult to define than in the past. But having said that, it remains true that a significant minority of Dornoch people would be greatly offended by the holding of such unnecessary sales on Sundays in a local community centre. Individual traders who open on Sundays are concerned for personal profit, and are guided in the matter by their own conscience. A community association, by its very nature, seeks to serve the whole community, and must bear in mind the convictions of all the people it represents. While it needs to pay its way, its aim is not to make any profits other than those that will benefit the community.

2. Since all parties accept that the total number of sales has to be limited, the wishes of local traders and the need for income for the Community Association can be adequately met without recourse to additional sales on Sundays.

3. While we are fully aware that Christian moral standards are rejected by many of our fellow-countrymen, we submit that they are still binding on human conscience and conduct. Short-term material gain cannot compensate for long-term spiritual and moral loss. Other arguments against Sunday trading have undoubted weight but it is on this ground that we base our strongest appeal to you. God's moral law has permanent relevance, and we should not assume to ourselves the right to set it aside, nor make it more difficult for others to respect it.

Again we would thank you for your courtesy in requesting these views from us, and express our hope that they will prove acceptable to you.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Macpherson

for the Kirk Session, Dornoch Free Church

Sutherland's

Partners:

M. E. B. SUTHERLAND

H. G. SUTHERLAND

OUTFITTERS

DEANS LANE - DORNOCH

Telephone:

DORNOCH 318

24th January, 1983.

The Secretary,
Royal Burgh of Dornoch & District
Community Association.

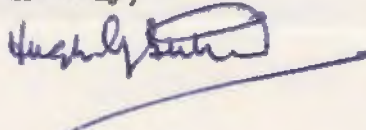
Dear Mr. Wild,

In reply to your letter of 11th January inviting us to give our points of view on the prospect of Sunday trading at the Social Club, we wish to make the following comments:

It is surely not in the interests of the community as a whole that such an important decision be taken lightly and without first consulting the people you represent. We understand that the purpose of leasing the hall to itinerant traders is to supplement your income. This we appreciate, but there are other ways that revenue can be raised.

As a responsible body we put it to you to think more deeply to the long term aspects and not to the short-term policy being adopted at present. In order to maintain the services being offered at the moment, it is essential that money should be circulated within the area wherever possible. If you have the interests of the community at heart, we would ask you to think of the long term consequences when making your decision on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,



Royal Burgh of Dornoch & District Community Association

13 Elizabeth Crescent
Dornoch
Sutherland IV25 3NN

6 November 1982

L.G.Sleven, Esq.
Secretary
Rogart Hall Management Council
West Langwell
Rogart
Sutherland IV28 3XQ

HALL CURTAINS

I write to thank you and your Council for your generous co-operation in our recent activities over the curtains.

I enclose a cheque for £25.00 as a donation to your funds.

Yours sincerely

W.B.Ashplant

Chairman

1924
T. I. Rogart 212

ROGART HALL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

West Langwell

Rogart

Sutherland IV28 3XQ

27th October '82

W.B.Ashplant Esq.

Chairman

Royal Burgh of Dornoch and District

Community Association

13 Elizabeth Crescent

Dornoch, Sutherland

Dear Mr.Ashplant,

Hall, Curtains

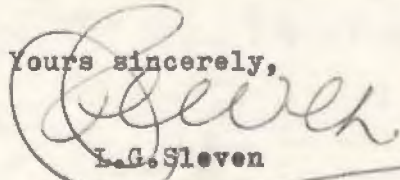
Thank you for your letter of the 19th October and I do apologise for the delay in replying. The old hall curtains are at present stored in various parts of the parish but I do now hope to have them brought together in the new hall by this week-end. Perhaps you would care to telephone me in order to arrange a meeting in the Hall where you will be able to examine them.

Having seen them and if you feel that they meet your requirements I am quite sure that we shall be able to reach a mutually acceptable valuation.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Thursday
4/11 at 6.45

Yours sincerely,


L.G. Steven

Secretary

Dornoch 764

13 Elizabeth Crescent,
Dornoch
Sutherland IV25 3NN

19 October 1982

L.G.Sleven, Esq.,
Secretary,
Rogar t Village Hall,
Tigh-Nan-Con,
W.Langwell,
Rogart.

Dear Mr.Sleven,

I am informed that the furnishing of the new Rogart Hall included the provision of new stage curtains.

I am writing to enquire whether your Committee have considered disposing of the original stage curtains, since, if they were suitable for the dimensions of our Hall and the price was within our means, we would like to consider purchase.

Perhaps you would seek your Committee's opinion on this matter?

Yours sincerely,

W.B.Ashplant
Chairman

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Mr P G Wild
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The Dornoch Community Association
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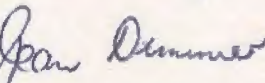
19 January 1983

Dear Peter

Re: UPGRADING & EXTENSIONS TO THE DORNOCH SOCIAL CLUB TO BECOME DORNOCH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - 056

Please find enclosed copy of quotation received today from Mr. J. Duncan for the
fencing works at the above project.

Yours sincerely


Jimmy Macdonald

Encl.

J. Duncan

Timber/Fencing Contractor

Birichen

17th January 1985


Macdonald Associates

Dornoch

I have pleasure in tendering for the following works
at Dornoch Social Club

Supply and erect approx. 10 x 1 metres treated
timber fence for the sum of £63.50 plus V.A.T.,
to your satisfaction.

Yours faithfully

 J. Duncan



Stars

couple of years back, live-a-side tournament. Morris, now out of the (t; manager Bobby Duf-montrose last Saturday in-progress in the Scottish thereabouts, but not a Brian McAskill, whose with Brora 2-1 down; cracked toe; and John the greatest features of others.

By Jock Mackay

Balintore's coffin at Hi-Fab Raymond Tolbie who scored ceptional winner at a point the Seaboard side looked like were going to come away with point and possibly two.

ading goal scorers so far this on — 18 Leslie Murray (Ilidh); 11 Gordon Findlay (gordon) and Sam Cumming

Brora's Injury List Anxiety

Brora Rangers resume their quest for Highland League points tomorrow at home following the mid-winter break and Rangers' extended Scottish Cup joust with Montrose.

Keith, after a poor start to the season, are now in fifth place in the League and will provide Rangers with an extremely difficult test.

New stars French, Tallis and Grubb are backed by a hard core of seasoned veterans, and much will depend on how Rangers' injury problems are resolved following Monday's victory over Montrose.

Golspie Bird Show

More than 200 birds will be on exhibition in Golspie Pigeon Club's second annual bird show, to be held in the Youth Centre, Main Street, next Saturday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



You Pay Your Money

Sir — I refer to your article about itinerant traders and Sunday sales in Dornoch social club, and would like to clarify one or two points.

The social club has to be entirely self-supporting and, as such, is considerably helped by the revenue from commercial sales. The entertainments committee, which is the fund-raising branch of the social club, has been very successful, but as there are many other clubs and charities trying to raise money, there is a limit to what one organisation can raise and what you can expect people to give.

If sales were completely stopped in the social club, the traders would just go elsewhere in the locality, and in fact we have already seen this when sales have been held in local hotels.

We consider it better that the users of the social club benefit rather than other commercial organisations. Despite this, we do not want to bite the hand that feeds us.

The local traders have been very good to us over the years and we therefore have an agreement with Dornoch Business and Trades Association to hold up to 12 sales a year, with a maximum frequency of two a month. We also agreed to

charge a realistic hire fee, and this now means a one-day sale costs in the region of £100 for advertising and rental, on top of which they have travelling expenses, accommodation and wages.

The result of this is that the number of traders wanting to come is, to a large extent, self-regulating, and last year we saw a considerable drop to only four sales.

They do obviously represent some extra competition for a few days a year, but the goods for sale are often of inferior quality to that available locally, so people can pay their money and make their choice.

Regarding Sunday trading, that was a new venture for the social club. It is now a well-established practice in Scotland, as it is, in fact, in Dornoch.

To the social club, and hence to the community, it meant a way of doubling the income from a sale with little extra effort.

However, money is not everything and if any one person or organisation has strong feelings either for or against, I would be pleased to include those views in the discussion on the subject at our next management meeting — Peter Wild, secretary, Dornoch Community Association.

And Take Your Choice

Sir — I read with growing impatience the reports and correspondence on the subject of itinerant traders.

I am impatient with retailers who, by continually complaining, must make the buying public suspect that the one-day sales must offer better value.

The itinerant trader has been with us for a century or more; their pack-horses have been super-ceded by lorries and they will not go away. But they are no bigger threat than the multiples in Inverness or the mail-order catalogues. We retailers must compete with them in our own ways and in each type of trade there must be an answer if we look for it. So retailers stop bleating and start competing.

However my real impatience is with the buying public increasingly dashing over the Kessock Bridge to stock up for the month or buying the new season's goodies at the multiples. There's no answer to it.

It is too tempting, even for fellow-traders I suggest, but as Mr Taylor of Bonar Bridge wrote last week, we are surely going to finish up with ghost towns.

Retailers need popular lines to subsidise slow selling odd lines, small or big sizes etc. The "multi's" only criteria is profit margin and if they can't afford to stock odd lines then the private trader certainly can't either. Have you heard anyone remark "I was in Inverness on Saturday, but I couldn't find half the things I wanted". You may have also remarked about local shopping "You can't get any in the village now."

I suggest that there's a connection. Think about it before you find your local shop no longer stocks the odd things you couldn't find in Inverness, or has even closed down in disgust. — Gordon J Mackie, Golspie Footwear, Station Road, Golspie.

Bettyhill's "Clean Car"

DORNOCH
BUSINESS & TRADES
ASSOCIATION

DBTA

18 January 1983

Peter Wild Esq
Secretary
Royal Burgh of Dornoch & District
Community Association
DORNOCH

Dear Peter,

Further to your recent request I am now in a position to comment on the view of the Association on the holding of sales by itinerant traders in the Social Club on Sundays.

I regret to report that the last meeting of the Association's Management Committee was poorly attended and indeed there was no quorum. Under the circumstances I am not in a position to give the Committee's recorded view.

However I can report that of the five Committee members present, all were opposed to Sunday trading in the Social Club and in addition three other members, not present at the meeting, have since indicated that they too are opposed.

I regret that I can be no more positive but trust that this maybe of some assistance to the Community Association in their effort to reach an agreement on the holding of these sales on Sundays. — or not!

Yours sincerely
for DORNOCH BUSINESS AND TRADES ASSOCIATION


Stuart C Gardiner.

Secretary: Stuart C. Gardiner, 6 St. Gilbert Street, Dornoch

The Meadows,
Dornoch,
11th January 1983

Mr. H. Sutherland,
Deans Lane,
Dornoch.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

I understand from our Chairman and some of our committee members that you are unhappy about the prospect of Sunday trading at the Social Club.

I would like to put this subject on the Agenda of our next management meeting on 24th January and would be pleased to receive your points of view for inclusion in the discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Wild

BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACTS 1959 AND 1970
 and in terms of Section 56 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
Certificate of Completion

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 9 of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959 as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 the Sutherland District Council - Buildings Authority hereby certify that, so far as they are able to ascertain after taking all reasonable steps in that behalf, the ~~erection~~/alteration/extension* of the building at

Insert here
address of
building.

The Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

has been completed in conformity with the warrant dated 21st November, 1980 (including the relevant plans and specifications) and in accordance with the Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1981 ~~as referred to by the Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1981~~ by the Secretary of State or the local authority under section 4 of that Act as substituted by section 2(4) of the Building (Scotland) Act 1970 and as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

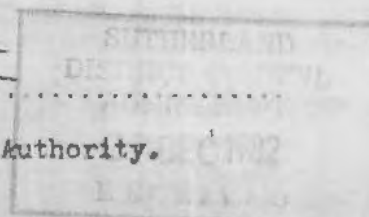
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and of any
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thereof.

Dated this... Twentieth..... day of... December,..... 19 82,.....

..... *W. H. & Co.*

Clerk to the Authority.

*Delete as appropriate.



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Mr P G Wild
Secretary
Dornoch Community Association
The Meadows
Dornoch

10 January 1983

Dear Peter

Re: UPGRADING & EXTENSIONS TO THE DORNOCH SOCIAL CLUB TO BECOME DORNOCH
COMMUNITY CENTRE - 056

Please find enclosed a copy of the Certificate of Completion for the works carried out at the above project.

We are at present trying to complete all the outstanding works including the fence for which we are awaiting the cost from Mr. J. Duncan and the pointing etc. to the external finishes.

We still have in our office here, the sealer which is required for the concrete block-work walls and would recommend that this work is carried out as soon as your Committee can organise the people to carry out the work.

Yours sincerely



Jimmy Macdonald

Encl.



Inland Revenue

HM Inspector of Taxes Wick
Girnigoe Street Wick Caithness KW1 4HN

Telephone Wick (STD Code 0955) 2343 ext 31

District Inspector ~~X. PETER~~ W R Davidson

Mr Peter G Wild
The Meadows
DORNOCH
Sutherland

Your reference

My reference
1288/WSF

Date
17 December 1982

Dear Sir

ROYAL BURGH OF DORNOCH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I refer to your letter of 3 October 1982 and regret the delay in replying.

I confirm that I have received notification from my Head Office in Edinburgh that "Charity Exemption" has been granted to your association from 15 September 1982. No corporation tax liability will therefore arise after this date. However although I can sympathize with your situation I must work within the constraints of the income tax acts and as such corporation tax liability arises for the period to December 1981 on the interest arising of £492. There is no provision whereby any of the expenditure incurred by you can be set against this amount. A notice of assessment will therefore be issued to you shortly.

I have assumed from the information before me that no interest will arise in the period from January 1982 to 15 September 1982. No further tax returns etc will be issued to you on behalf of the association.

Yours faithfully

W S FLETT
HM Inspector of Taxes

/BM

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P G Wild Esq
Secretary
Dornoch Community Association
The Meadows
Dornoch

8 December 1982

Dear Peter

Re: UPGRADING & EXTENSIONS TO DORNOCH SOCIAL CLUB - 056

Further to our most recent meeting and my discussions with all the sub-contractors please find enclosed Interim Payment Certificates Nos. 43/48 inclusive which bring the project almost to completion.

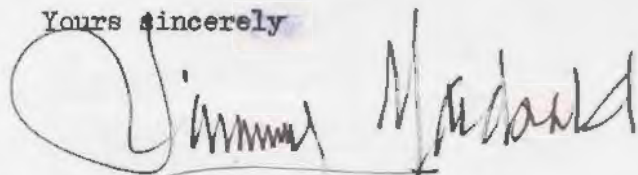
There is still a small outstanding account to A.E. Lewis for some work which was carried out to the ironmongery and changing of locks as requested by this office but we shall forward this to you when we receive same.

We can now apply to the Highland Regional Council for the last payment of Grant and look forward to having this project now finally completed.

Please note that the sealer for painting onto the walls of the rear extension is stored in my office and I would appreciate you removing it to the Social Club at your earliest convenience.

Please return the appropriate certificates with each cheque so that we can receipt same for your files.

Yours sincerely



Jimmy Macdonald

Encl.



Highland

Department of Education
Bryan E. Wood, B.Sc.
Divisional Education Officer
Sutherland Division

Highland Regional Council
Education Offices
Brora
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Please ask for

Our ref BEW/JPB

Extension No

Your ref

Date

1 December 1982

Mr P G Wild,
Secretary, Royal Burgh of Dornoch &
District Community Association,
The Meadows,
Dornoch.

Dear Mr Wild,

I refer to your letter of 17 November 1982 in which you enquire about lighting equipment which has become available following the recent alterations and improvements carried out by Brora Community Association. The main item of equipment available for use elsewhere is, of course, the manual switchboard but I have to advise you that this, together with one or two other smaller items, will be transferred to Helmsdale Secondary School which at present has no stage lighting provision of any kind. I regret, therefore, that there will not be any surplus equipment available for purchase by your Association.

Yours sincerely,

Divisional Education Officer