

1. Name of Applicant Organisation: DORNOCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2. Name and Address of Official Correspondent: Mr. P.G. WILD (SECRETARY)
THE MEADOWS, DORNOCH, SUTHERLAND
..... Post Code IV25 3SF
Telephone No. Private DORNOCH 810751 Business DORNOCH 810341
3. Details of Project - Description and Location: Provision & laying
of floor covering in coffee / community room.
4. (a) Who Owns Site/Land/Premises? Trustees of Dornoch Community Association
(b) Has any necessary planning permission been given? N/A
(c) Has the owner given permission? N/A
(d) Who will be responsible for the management and maintenance? The management committee of the association.
(e) Who will be responsible for running costs? as in 'd' above.
5. (a) Estimated Cost: £750
(b) List any other grant sources to which application has been made (and decisions, if known) None. We are not supported by the local authority.
(c) Share of cost to be met from organisation's own funds: £375
When will project be carried out? As soon as possible
7. (a) If the applicant body is not a Community Council, has the local Community Council been advised (Yes/No) yes
(b) Does the Community Council support the project (Yes/No) yes

Signed P.G. Wild (Secretary) Date 22/9/83

NOTE: the maximum grant is £1,000 or 50% of balance of cost, after taking account of grants from other bodies, except HIOB.

When completed this form should be forwarded to:-
Director of Law and Administration,
Regional Buildings,
Glenurquhart Road,
INVERNESS IV3 5NX,

16 September 1983

Nancy Manson
7 Bishopfield Road
DORNOCH
Sutherland

Peter Wild Esq
Secretary
Dornoch & District Community Association
DORNOCH

Dear Sir,

I am prompted to write to you after reading in this weeks edition of "The Northern Times" a letter from a young man complaining of the lack of facilities for the young people of the town.

While not agreeing with all of his comments I must agree that I also feel that the hall could be put to better use for the young people of the area. I am aware that The Cub's and Scouts make use of the hall and also various other Associations for Committee Meetings and also older members of the community for country dancing and indoor bowling but this excludes the youths who are to old for Scouts and to young for country dancing and indoor bowls.

I feel that if a meeting (public) were to be called at this point while people are aware of the "plight" of the Dornoch youths that some good may well come of it regarding Adults who may not necessarily wish to form a Club but would be willing to supervise the activities of the young people should the hall and equipment i.e. table tennis, dart boards and the like be made available to them.

Yours faithfully

Nancy Manson

Nancy Manson.

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P G Wild Esq
Secretary
Dornoch Community Association
The Meadows
Dornoch

15 September 1983

Dear Peter

Re: UPGRADING & EXTENSION TO DORNOCH SOCIAL CLUB - 056

In reply to your letter of 13 September 1983, I write to say that we have had discussions with Messrs J & S Gunn with reference to this external pointing and that we have written to them twice and we are most surprised that this work is still remaining outstanding. We shall however discuss this item with them again at a meeting which we have organised for later today. I also suggest that you mention this to them any time that you meet with Mr Gunn. It is very important that this pointing be completed as soon as possible.

With regard to the 'Sadia' water heater, I do not remember any 'commitment to purchase' and now that many months have passed since our discussion regarding this, we have already purchased a water heater for the office. However if you can let me know exactly what your expected selling price will be, then I may be able to sell this on your behalf.

I expect the cement pointing to the stonework to be completed by the end of next week, and if it is not then let us try and arrange a meeting to discuss our course of action which will be to appoint a separate contractor to carry out this work and charge Messrs J & S Gunn for same.

Yours sincerely


Jimmy Macdonald

"The Meadows"
Dornoch.

13th. September, 1983.

Macdonald Associates,
Castle St.,
Dornoch.

Dear Jimmy,

Further to our discussion in the Spring of this year, I write to remind you that there is still some exterior painting to be done at the Social Club. This, as you know has been paid for being within the contract of Messrs. J. & S. Gunn, and the Committee think it not unreasonable to expect it to be completed before the onset of the winter months.

You may also recall your commitment to purchase the Sadia water heater which was erroneously installed and I write to ask if you are now in a position to buy this from the Social Club at say 75% of the original purchase price,

Yours sincerely,

Peter G. Wild.
Secretary.

"The Meadows"
Dornoch.

13th. September, 1983.

Mr. Peter Glucas,
Secretary,
Dornoch & District Community Council.
Balnapolzig
Dornoch

Dear Peter,

WAR MEMORIAL DORNOCH.

Thank you for your letter of 1st. July, requesting a contribution towards the restoration of the War Memorial.

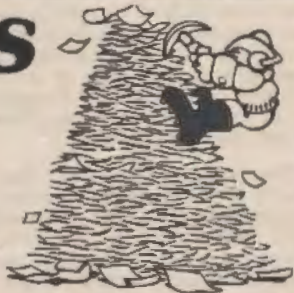
This has been discussed by our Executive Committee and I regret to say that our constitution precludes the use of funds for this type of ~~expenditure~~ *expenditure*

However, I am pleased to say that we are prepared to offer the free use of the Social Club facilities should you wish to hold a fund raising event,

Yours sincerely,

Peter G. Wild.
Secretary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Wasted Effort

Sir — I am writing to inform your readers that the money spent on the new Community Centre in Dornoch has been wasted. It is never open unless a jumble sale or a meeting is being held in it.

There is no excuse for this as it has all the facilities in it to operate as a good Community Centre should do: a kitchen, lighting room, toilets and plenty of space in the very spacious and well lit main hall to play table tennis, pool, even snooker and various other indoor games.

A well-known gentleman even donated a new table tennis table to the Centre but it is never used because the committee say that you must form a table tennis club before they will allow anyone to use it. It is the same if you want to do anything else there, the answer is always the same, "Form a club."

My idea of a Community Centre is somewhere you can go to pass a couple of hours at night or at the weekend. If there was coffee or tea on sale and they charged even 20 pence to play one of the games mentioned above, I am sure that it would gain a lot of support.

The committee just don't seem to want anyone apart from their own little Jet Set group to use our Community Centre. It is about time that these Jet Setters decided

that it is not for them to say what happens to our Community Centre.
— J Graeme McNaughton (age 17),
"Gordonlea," Carnaig Street,
Dornoch.

Stray Dogs

Sir — Through the courtesy of your columns, could I refer to a problem of very considerable concern to the general crofting community in the Kinlochbervie area: the problem of straying (uncontrolled) collie dogs.

Recently, two instances of sheep being attacked by a collie dog have been mentioned to me (such incidents should, of course, be immediately reported to the police by the person(s) who witness them!).

One instance concerns a dog seen worrying a sheep beside the Durness road just north of Rhiconich. A dog of similar markings had been seen by the same reliable witness not long before just north of Scourie.

The second instance concerns a dog attacking a sheep near In-shegra.

Kinlochbervie Fox Destruction Club spend very considerable time, effort and sweat, keeping fox population and activities under control: it is therefore all the more galling that the object of their exercise and efforts should, in effect, be invalidated by negligent and culpable collie dog owners.

National Change

Str — I read, with avid interest, the weekly article written by Dick Ross "Hullo Out There".

In my opinion his perception and foresight are usually without question.

The September 16th narrative on the local Police Log, covering a period at the end of the last century, was very interesting.

His comments about the progression of the Police Force to its modern day standard are possibly true, but, is it not also a fact that modern technology has altered a way of life hitherto unknown in the Victorian era?

Sunday morning activities are a fine example: A change has taken place from grooming horses and walking to church, to washing cars and driving to church.

It would appear, therefore, that the Police Force has merely kept up with the natural order of change. Should we not look at life as a whole before dissecting the parts? — Joan Crouch (Mrs), "Woodgate" Station Road, Dornoch.

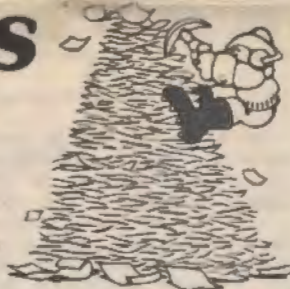
Wasted Letter

Str — How disappointing it is that Graeme McNaughton has been unable to communicate directly to any of the 15 committee members of the Dornoch Community Centre or speak up at any of the public meetings to air his views.

He correctly observes that all the facilities are available to operate a good community centre. This year the hall has been used regularly for country dancing, indoor bowls, drama and music rehearsals, cubs and scouts, the various festival week events and a dance or disco about once a month.

There have also been some meetings but to suggest that it is

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



only open for these and jumble sales is just a little ill informed.

To clarify how it all ticks, let me explain. The centre, or social club as it is commonly called, is run by a management committee who are responsible for the letting of rooms, maintenance improvements, caretaking, security, paying the bills and capital expenditure.

Unlike some community centres, ours is not council backed and that is why the committee with as many helpers as we could find (and they are few and far between) have spent so much time and effort in raising money and doing improvements ourselves to save money. This fund raising together with hall charges are the only sources of income.

A subsidiary committee, the entertainments or festival week committee as it is popularly known, is responsible for raising the money and this they have done very successfully by putting on various events and entertainments over the last 5 years.

While not everything has been out and out fund raising (eg childrens fancy dress, sports week and the firework display) this sub committee does not have any commitment or responsibility to provide entertainment and has no say in the day-to-day running of the social club.

Full use of the centre has always been encouraged but it is known from experience that unorganised activities lead to damage and misuse. We have a responsibility to all who have given in cash or kind to ensure that their investment is

not wasted, so all we ask is that people with specific interests, even if that is only relaxation over a cup of coffee, form a responsible group or club. What could be simpler?

It is appreciated that there are gaps in certain areas of activity and for certain age groups, so how about Graeme McNaughton making a start!

Finally it is agreed that we were gifted with a very splendid table tennis table when the club opened.

Despite numerous enquiries it has not been possible to find anyone prepared to run a table tennis evening. Perhaps Graeme is our man! If not, then he will be very pleased to know that the table in question was lent to the Dornoch youth club over a year ago and is in regular use two night a week plus tournament evenings. His age group is on Fridays and I am told that he would be very welcome.

May I suggest that this was a wasted letter in that its effort is misdirected and its criticism is of things not understood. By all means be critical, but please be constructive and come and join us and bring along your friends and fresh ideas.

The money has not been wasted — it has been invested to provide facilities that are ready and waiting to be used. — P G Wild (Secretary Dornoch Community Association)

PS To be called a "jet set" is much appreciated by the management committee, whose average age is 42!

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The Secretary,
Royal Burgh of Plover and District
Community Association,
School Hill,
Plover
Sutherland IV25 3PF

Dear Mr. Wild,

On 17th June 1983 I visited the Community Centre and inspected the accounts of the Association in respect of Value Added Tax. Mr. Ashput kindly produced all the necessary records to date and will be able to provide you with details of my visit. All was satisfactory with the exception of a few items, brief details as follows:

Expenditure / Income details during 1981, during the early period of your registration for VAT purposes, had been omitted in respect of the entertainment side of the accounts. Also, later in 1982, two groups of items had been classified as being zero-rated, whereas they were in fact liable to VAT at standard rate.

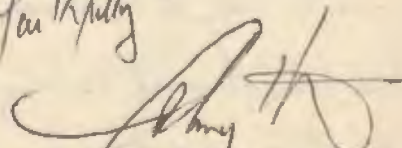
Mr. Ashput kept details of these items, but if you

wish to have another breakdown of them, please let me know.
The enclosed form VAT 191 indicates the amounts involved for
immediate payment — i.e. not to be annotated with your
normal VAT Return.

I also discussed with Mr Ashby, but the potential liability
to VAT of income from the sale of hot dogs under various circumstances.
I am now able to inform you that, as indicated on page 7 (Content
of your Notice No 701 (issued to you at your time of registration), sale of
food is liable to VAT if it takes place within a "place" (eg. exhibition
hall, show ground, sports ground, etc) but not from a stall
standing in a street or other situation not within a defined "place".

If you have any difficulties with this, or with any other
matters please do not hesitate to contact me for advice.

Yours faithfully


G.R. SMYTH.
HM Customs & Excise.

DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Secretary: P. Clucas,
6 St. Gilbert Street,
Dornoch.
1st July 1983

The Secretary,
Dornoch and District Community Association.

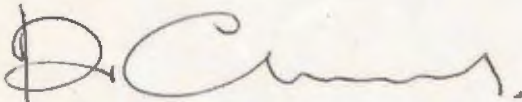
Dear Sir,

WAR MEMORIAL, DORNOCH.

For some time the Community Council has been urging that the War Memorial should be cleaned to its former condition and that the railings receive the attention they so badly need. This remedial work is being organised through the District Council and it is normal in such a case for the public to make a contribution to the cost.

I am therefore writing to you to ask if your association would be able to make some contribution to this important part of Dornoch townscape and heritage.

Yours faithfully,



P. Clucas,
Secretary

"The Meadows"
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

21st. July, 1983.

Highland Regional Council,
Regional Buildings,
GlenUrquhart Road,
Inverness, IV3 5XX.

Dear Madam,

Ref: 1203 730100 7

Thankyou for your letter of the 19th. July.

It has been agreed with Mr. Welsh of the Highland Region Valuation Committee,
Dingwall the the FAV is £2009. 00 and the RV is £1663. 00.

If you would now like to submit to me the outstanding rates based on this, I will
be pleased to arrange for a speedy settlement.

Yours faithfully,

Peter G. Wild,
Secretary.



Highland

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Please ask for Mrs. S. Dodds

Our ref SD/EHL

Extension No 671

Your ref

Date 19th July 1983

Royal Burgh of Dornoch Community Association.,
c/o P. G. Wild Esq,
The Secretary,
The Meadows,
DORNOCH
Sutherland.

Dear Sir,

REF. 12 03 730100 7
PUBLIC HALL, SCHOOL BRAE

I refer to your recent letter concerning rates outstanding on the above noted property.

I note your comments with regard to the appeal but must inform you that you are required to pay 90% of the total years' rates pending the outcome of the appeal.

The full years' rates are £58.82 making a total due of £52.94, less a payment of £15.08, leaving £37.86 to be paid immediately.

If you have any queries, I shall be pleased to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

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