



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

3 June 1977

Dear Mrs Smart,

I am extremely sorry that owing to an oversight I have not sent to you the letter I received from Mr R H Stevenson, Joint Director of Law and Administration at the Highland Regional Council, about the Drill Hall at Dornoch. I think you will find it of interest even now, and I should like to know what your reaction to Mr Stevenson's letter might be.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for the delay.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Robert MacLennan

Mrs Leslie Smart
Station Road
Dornoch
Sutherland

Mr. & Mrs. Smart

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Please ask for Mr Donoghue

Our ref TCD/WS PL/16/2

Extension No 533

Your ref

Date 17th February, 1977

Robert MacLennan, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
London
SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr MacLennan,

DRILL HALL, DORNOCH

Thank you for your letter of 8th January, 1977 addressed to Mr Armstrong and I sincerely regret the delay in replying.

You will see from the attached extract of the Minutes of meeting of the Planning and Development Committee of 9th June, 1976 that the views of the British Legion Scotland, Dornoch and District Branch were considered prior to a lease being granted to Messrs. Lochcarron Weavers.

You will also see from the extract that the Committee felt that since the premises had been acquired by the former Authority for industrial purposes priority should be given for this purpose at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

JOINT DIRECTOR OF LAW & ADMINISTRATION



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Our ref GM/LH/PL/16/2

Extension No 529

Your ref

Date 15th July 1976

Mrs. H. Smart,
Secretary,
The British Legion Scotland Dornoch &
District Branch,
Tamandu,
Station Road,
DORNOCH.

Dear Madam,

DORNOCH DRILL HALL

I refer to your letter of 6th May, 1976 addressed to the Chief Executive, Sutherland District Council, suggesting that the Council should give consideration to the possible use of the Drill Hall, Dornoch, as a community centre.

When this matter was considered by the appropriate Committee of the Regional Council at a recent meeting, the Committee, while fully aware of the demand for community facilities in the area, were of the opinion that the paramount need was for the provision of industrial premises and, therefore, they agreed that a commercial firm be offered a lease of the premises. The Committee, while appreciating the interest of the British Legion, took into account that this property had been bought by the former Sutherland County Council specifically for industrial purposes and this use must, therefore, be given priority at this time.

Yours faithfully,

JOINT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

D. W. Martin, M.A., LL.B.
Chief Executive

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Your Ref.

My Ref. RM/KM

Date 2nd June, 1976.

Mrs. H. Smart,
Secretary,
British Legion,
Dornoch and District Branch,
Station Road,
DORNOCH.

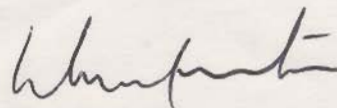
Dear Madam,

Former Dornoch Drill Hall

I have to refer to my letter of 10th ultimo about the above property.

The Joint Director of Law and Administration has now confirmed that the Development Department of the Highland Regional Council has been in negotiations with a firm as a possible tenant of the above premises, and this matter will be placed before the next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee of the Highland Regional Council on 9th June, 1976, he intends however, to circulate your letter to members for consideration and he will notify you of the Committees decision.

I am,
Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive.

If telephoning or calling, please ask for Mr. MacLeod.

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My Ref. RM/EM

Date 10th May, 1976

Mrs. Helen Smart,
Secretary,
The British Legion Scotland,
Dornoch & District Branch,
"Tamandu",
Station Road,
DORNOCH.

Dear Madam,

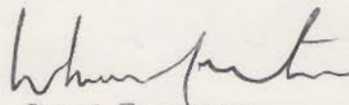
Former Dornoch Drill Hall

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th instant inquiring about the possibility of obtaining the use of the above premises for meetings and social activities of the Dornoch and District Branch of the British Legion Scotland.

As this building is vested in the Highland Regional Council I have passed your letter to Mr. R.H. Stevenson, Joint Director of Law & Administration, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, for attention. I understand, however, that the building has now been earmarked by the Regional Council for some other development but no doubt Mr. Stevenson will inform me of the position.

I have asked Mr. Stevenson for his views on the matter and I will write you again when I hear from him.

I am,
Yours faithfully,


Chief Executive.

G. F. TROWBRIDGE
Town Clerk and Chamberlain.

TELEPHONE 205.



*Town Clerk's Chambers,
High Street,
Dornoch.*

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Our Ref: 22B

5th February, 1974.

A.W. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Cairnhill,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Amenities Committee

I refer to your enquiry, on behalf of the Dornoch Branch of the British Legion regarding the resuscitation of the Amenities Committee, particularly with the reorganisation of Local Authorities in 1975.

Whilst the Town Council were represented on the Committee the Secretary of the Committee was the late Mr. Frank Carmichael of Arthur & Carmichael, Cathedral Square, Dornoch.

Provost H. Clunie, did I understand approach Mr. Carmichael on several occasions on the same matter without any results accordingly I would suggest that you approach Mr. W.C. Wright who may be in a position to give you more information.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

ROYAL

4th February,

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"Cairnhill"
Dornoch.

Mr. Trowbridge,
Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

At the Legion Annual General Meeting, concern was expressed by some of the members as to what the future of the Amenities Committee and thier assets would be, particularly now in view of the proposed reorganisation of Local Authorities.

The branch would appreciate any information your Council could provide.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Secretary,
(A.W. MacKenzie)

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Your Ref. _____

4th February, 1974.
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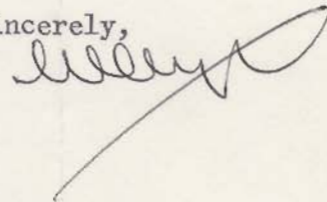
Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

The Royal British Legion Scotland
Dornoch & District Branch

Thank you for your letter of today's date. The re-organisation of Local Authorities will not, in fact, affect the organisations which have been and still are regarded as Burgh activities. The fact that there will be a re-organisation of Local Authorities and Dornoch Town Council will disappear ~~this~~ does not mean that Dornoch as a community with its Burgh boundaries will vanish! These Burgh boundaries will have no importance so far as Local Authority is concerned but they will delimit the extent of Dornoch as a town until such time as Dornoch grows beyond these boundaries.

Perhaps I have missed the point of your letter but if I have done so please look in past the office or give me a ring and I will try and help.

Yours sincerely,





ROYAL
THE BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND

Dornoch & District Branch



Copy:

1st February,19...74.

"Cairnhill"
Dornoch.

Arthur & Carmichael,
Solicitors,
DORNOCH.

Dear Mr Wright,

At our Annual General Meeting. Certain members when appointing office bearers, particularly a representative to the Town Amenities Committee, wondered what the position was with such an organisation now in view of the proposed reorganisation of local authorities.

I was instructed to write and enquire if you could provide the legion with some information.

Yours sincerely,

A.W. MacKenzie

Hon. Secretary,
A.W. MacKenzie.