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ROYAL BURGH OF DORNOCH

Bye-laws made and enacted by the Provost, magistrates and Town Council upon the twentieth day of April and the second day of May both in the year eighteen hundred and ninety five.

Whereas it is expedient to make bye-laws for the Dornoch Links, lying within the Burgh for regulating the use of the same; and for ensuring good order in the use thereof;-

The Provost, Magistrates and Town Council, as such, and as Commissioners under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892 do hereby make and enact the following

BYE-LAWS

I. DEFINITION - For the purpose of these bye-laws the expression or term "the Links" shall mean and include that area of pasture land or links, within and belonging in property to the Burgh and subject to the administration and control of its Magistrates and Town Council, extending from the Earls Cross on the East to the march with the old commonly lands of Lonemors, on the West.

II. CARTING - No person shall enter upon or pass over any part of the links with a loaded or empty cart or other vehicle, except on the following tracks, viz:-

(a) The existing track leading from the East end of Golf Road, eastwards to the quarry at or near Dornoch Rocks.

(b) The existing track leading off from the track (a) at the brow of the hill above the sea beach, towards the Dulce rocks.

(c) A track leading from the south end of Shore Road, southwards, immediately to the east of the dyke forming the eastern boundary of the Glebe or farm of the Parish Minister, thence in a straight line to the shore at the east end of the earthen Mound.

(d) A track branching off from the track (c) at a point three hundred yards to the south of the south east corner of the Parish Minister's farm, and thence to the Dornoch point in a straight line for the hillock thereon known as the Tottan Rhud.

(e) A track leading behind the River or Well Streets and straight eastwards to the shore at the east end of Littletown.

III. GRAZING - The inhabitants of the Burgh shall be entitled, as used is, to graze horses and cattle and their followers, but not sheep, on the links, paying to the Common Good of the Burgh the dues therefor used and wont. Every person allowing or permitting a horse to graze on the links shall shackle it, and keep it shackled, so long as it grazes thereon.

IV. TURF &c;- No person shall cut, destroy, or till the turf of the links on any pretext whatsoever; nor deposit rubbish thereon, nor commit any nuisance thereon; nor use profane or obscene language thereon; and further, no person shall erect or place any booth, circus, tent or building thereon, unless with the permission of the Town Council, signified in writing under the hand of the Town Clerk.

V. GOLF - (a) No person shall play the game of golf on the links, except along the existing Golf Course, or such other course as may be prescribed by the Town Council, and all players shall, in playing, maintain the proper order of holes, and shall not play or pass from one hole to another out of that order when there is any risk of disturbing or molesting any other players of the game.

(b) Every person shall tee his ball within the marks indicating the teeing ground, and in teeing his ball he shall not raise the turf of the teeing ground.

(c) No person shall tee his ball until the immediately preceding players shall have played off; nor played his teed ball until each of the players immediately in front shall have played their second strokes, and be out of reach and also except in the case of a "lost ball".

(d) Any turf cast or displaced by a stroke in playing must be at once carefully replaced by the player or his caddie and pressed firmly down with the foot.

(e) No person shall drive a ball off a putting green.

(f) No person shall wilfully or maliciously injure or destroy any of the golfing holes, flags, sand boxes, or putting greens.

VI. OTHER GAMES - No other games or sports shall be played on the links, except such portions thereof as may from time to time be prescribed by the Town Council, to whom power is hereby ~~given~~ reserved to point out, or to set apart, any portion off the links for the purposes of such games or sports.

VII. FOOTBALL - No person shall play the game of football on the links, except on , (a) that portion thereof to the south of the Dornoch River, beyond the present Golf Course; and (b) that portion thereof lying between Golf Road and Littleton - portion (b) to be exclusively reserved for boys under the age of sixteen years.

VIII. TOLLS OR CHARGES. - No person shall levy or attempt to levy any toll or charge on any of the community of the Burgh entering on, or passing over, the links, or any part thereof, subject to these Byelaws.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS. - No person shall molest or annoy other persons, or the property of such persons, using the links for any of the purposes set forth in, and subject to, these Bye-laws; nor shall any person injure, mark, or destroy any of the seats placed or to be placed by the Town Council on the links.

X. = CONTRAVENTIONS - Any person contravening any of the foregoing Bye-Laws shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding TEN SHILLINGS for each breach of such Bye-Laws, and failing payment, to imprisonment for any period not exceeding SEVEN days. Provided that the Magistrate before whom any penalty imposed hereby is sought to/
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 be recovered, may order the whole or part only of such
 penalty to be paid, or remit the whole penalty.

EXTRACTED from the Burgh Record upon this and the seven
 preceding pages by me

HECTOR M. MACKAY
 Town Clerk.

Dornoch 14th June 1895 - The Bye-Laws above written on
 this and the seven preceding pages are approved and
 confirmed.

THOMAS MACKENZIE
 Sheriff Substitute

I hereby confirm the foregoing Bye-Laws

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH
 Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

L.S.

Scottish Office
 Whitehall
 12th August 1895.

Bye-Laws made and enacted by the Provost, Magistrates, and
 Councillors, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them
 by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, and of every
 other power enabling them in that behalf DO hereby MAKE,
 and ENACT the following

BYE-LAWS.

for the further regulation and control of the Dornoch Links
 viz:-

1. For the purposes of these Bye-Laws the expression or term
 "the links" shall have the same meaning as in the Bye-Laws
 made and enacted by the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors
 upon the 9th April and 2nd May 1895; APPROVED and Confirmed
 by the Sheriff 14th June 1895; and CONFIRMED by the Secretary
 for Scotland, 12th August 1895.
2. No games shall be played on the links on Sundays.
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3. Any person contravening these Bye-Laws shall be liable on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings for each breach of these Bye-Laws, and, failing payment to imprisonment for any period not exceeding Seven days. Provided that the Magistrate before whom any penalty imposed hereby is sought to be recovered may order the whole or part only of such penalty to be paid, or may remit the whole penalty.

EXTRACTED from the Burgh Record upon this and the preceding page by me.

HECTOR M. MACKAY,
Town Clerk.

DORNOCH 19th August 1913 - The Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Ross, Cromarty, and Sutherland, confirms the foregoing Bye-Laws.

JAMES MACKINTOSH
Sheriff.

I hereby confirm the foregoing Bye-Laws.

T. MCKINNON WOOD
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

L.S.

SCOTTISH OFFICE
WHITENALL
13th October 1913

BURGH OF DORNOCH

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BYE-LAWS
FOR THE
REGULATION AND PRESERVATION
OF THE DORNOCH LINKS - 1895 AND 1913

H.M. MACKAY, Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.