

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND  
ROADS DEPARTMENT

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19th March, 1975.

G.F. Trowbridge, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Dornoch Town Council,  
High Street,  
Dornoch.

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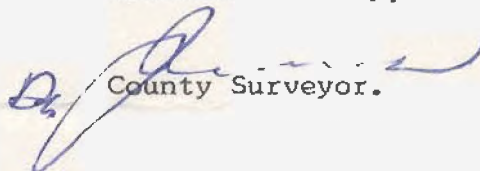
Dear Sir,

Flooding of Premises in Meadows Road

I refer to your letter of 7th March regarding the above.

The problem appears to stem from the fact that, like many minor access roads, water is simply shed off the carriageway so as to percolate through the verges and adjacent land. As there is a fall on Eaglefield Road at the point where it crosses Meadows Road some surface water will probably find its way into Meadows Road though this should be no worse than is normally to be expected at such junctions.

Yours faithfully,

  
County Surveyor.

18th March, 197

Ref.1A

Robert MacLennan Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons  
London

Dear Mr. MacLennan,

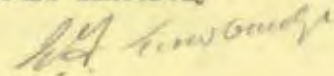
Meadows Road - Mr. R. Shaw, Castle Cottage, Dornoch

I refer to your letter regarding the request by Mr. Robert Shaw of Castle Cottage, Dornoch to have Meadows Road made up prior to the local government re-organisation in May, 1975.

The question of Meadows Road has been a matter of concern for a considerable number of years and has resulted in considerable correspondence with various factions including the Scottish Development Department. Fact is the road has never been claimed to be the responsibility of the Town Council. They have at various intervals tried to determine this matter, but to no avail. Accordingly under the circumstances it has been considered a private road, which as you will appreciate, falls upon the frontagers to put the road into proper repair before being taken over by the local authority. Meadows Road is a very long thoroughfare and the cost of making up the road would run into tens of thousands of pounds. I might add that the matter was considered by the Town Council within the last two years and the only advice that could be obtained from the central Department was that as mentioned above - the cost of the work involved being undertaken and charged against the frontagers, of whom there are very few and the cost to each would be prohibitive.

I trust this information is sufficient to meet your requirements.

Yours sincerely



Town Clerk.

11A  
From: Robert MacLennan, M.P.



7th March 1975.

Dear Mr. Trowbridge,

I have been approached by my constituent, Mr. Robert Shaw of Castle Cottage, Dornoch, about the possibility that your Council will make good the Meadow Road. He feels that it is highly desirable that this should be done before the re-organisation of local government which may result in less interest in such a project.

I shall be very grateful if you could let me know what possibility there is of your Council undertaking this work, and if it is not possible if you would be kind enough to indicate which other authority might be in a position to take some action.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'R MacLennan', followed by a horizontal line.

Mr. G. F. Trowbridge,  
Town Clerk's Office,  
High Street,  
Dornoch, Sutherland.

Our Ref:1a

7th March, 1975.

J.G. Edmond, Esq.,  
County Surveyor,  
County Offices,  
BRORA.


For the attention of Mr. Field

Dear Sir,

Flooding of premises in Meadows Road

It was reported that flooding had taken place in premises in Meadows Road occupied by the Joiners William Grant and also that of adjacent premises. It is understood that this takes place during excessive inclement weather. As you will know from previous correspondence that there has always been considerable doubt as to the ownership of Meadows Road and although the Town Council have occasionally infilled various holes with rubble they have never accepted responsibility for it. Within the last two years the Town Council have tried to resolve this matter and have been in contact with your own department and St. Andrew's House on the matter but to no avail. However, I have been instructed to ask you if you would let me have a report as to what effect surface water coming off Eaglefield Road, if any, might have in respect of the flooding of these premises. It would be appreciated if this report could be submitted to the next meeting of the Works and Cemeteries Committee on 25th March, 1975.

Yours faithfully,

  
Bown Clerk.





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Your reference <sup>1A</sup>

Our reference R/MISC

Date 17 October 1973

Dear Sir

MAKING UP OF MEADOWS ROAD, DORNOCH

I refer to your letter of 3 August about the making up of Meadows Road, Dornoch and regret that a reply has been delayed.

It would seem as if this Street is privately owned, despite the disclaimers to ownership by Sutherland Estates Ltd, and under existing legislation the Town Council could take the following action:

1. Require the frontagers to make up the road,
2. make up the road themselves and charge the cost to the frontagers,
3. contribute all or some of the cost of the making up of Meadows Road.

In the event of the Town Council deciding on option 3. any expenditure so incurred would have to be met out of Rate Support Grant; there is no direct grant available for such works on private streets and it is unlikely that with the advent of local government reform any legislative steps would be taken to allow specific Government grant to be paid for the making up of private streets.

Yours faithfully

T J Muirhead

Our Ref 1a

3rd August, 1975.

T. J. Muirhead, Esq.,  
Scottish Development Department,  
43, Jeffrey Street,  
GLIMMURGHEN EH1 1DL

Dear Sir,

Making up of Meadows Road, Dornoch

I have been asked by the Town Council to write to your department for any help or advice that you might be able to give with regard to Meadows Road, Dornoch.

Meadows Road is approximately 400 yards long and is a bank road running parallel with the Main Street, Castle Street. It is a rough stone and earth road and suffers from slight subsidence. The Town Council occasionally filling the shallow holes with coalpings. I understand that the ownership of the road has been in question for a considerable number of years but has never been resolved. Sutherland Estates Limited, who own a lot of the land in the area have disclaimed ownership although they say they own the land under the road.

The Town Council do not own the road, it would therefore appear to be privately owned. There are one or two houses fronting the road, the remainder being yards of small tradesmen, builders etc., and the back of the Castle Hotel.

Although the Town Council in previous years, over a very long period have never been able to resolve the problem, have again opened up the question, following an enquiry from a newcomer to the area who has built a house on a site fronting on to Meadows Road.

The cost of making up the road, which would require a completely new road, not just surfacing, would be considerable and the question arises whether the Town Council should meet the expenditure.

Are there any special grants available that would enable the Town Council to make up the road. Any advice would be welcome that might resolve the problem.

Yours faithfully,

  
Town Clerk.

Our Ref:1a

16th September, 1974.

John Mackay, Esq.,  
Park Cottage,  
Sibell Road,  
GOLSPIE.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 15th July, 1974 addressed to the County Clerk claiming compensation in respect of an accident at Meadows Road, Dornoch.

The County Clerk for warded your letter to this office as Meadows Road is not on the list of County Highways.

I regret to inform you that Meadows Road does not appear on the Town Council's listed Roads either and accordingly they cannot accept any responsibility in respect of your claim. To all intents it would appear that the road is a private one and I am unable to help you in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



I. B. RODGER, J.P., M.A., LL.B.  
COUNTY CLERK

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Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

5th August, 1974

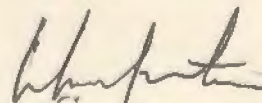
G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
High Street,  
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Meadows Road, Dornoch

I enclose letter dated 15th July from Mr. John MacKay, Park Cottage, Sibell Road, Golspie, regarding an accident sustained by his lorry on 19th June in Meadows Road, Dornoch. As this road is not on the list of County Highways I am passing Mr. MacKay's letter to you for attention and I have informed him accordingly.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,

  
County Clerk.

Enc.



RH  
22/7/24Park Cottage  
Sibell Road  
Golspie  
Sutherland

15-7-74

J. B. Rodger Esq.,  
County Clerk.  
Golspie.

Dear Sir,

I have to advise you that on 19<sup>th</sup> June when my lorry was in Dornoch and proceeding along Meadows Road the road collapsed under the vehicle. The driver had to instruct MacRae's Garage to jack up and tow the lorry out.

I therefore claim from the Council the sum involved being

MacRae's Garage £ 9-81

damage to lorry. 7-00

£ 16-81

and look forward to receiving this sum in settlement.

Yours faithfully,  
John MacRae.