

Note of Meeting in Town Council Chambers,  
Dornoch, on 17th June, 1969, at 3 p.m.

Present:-

On behalf of the Town  
Council

Provost H. Clunie,  
Councillor I. Booker-Milburn,  
Councillor E.K. Cartwright,  
Councillor A. Davidson  
with the Town Clerk

On behalf of the County  
Council

Councillor George Fraser,  
Councillor D.S. Freir  
The County Clerk,  
The County Surveyor,  
The County Development Officer

Also present

Mr. D.J. Grant, Brora.

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The County Clerk outlined the background to the proposed airstrip development and referred to a note he had obtained from Ross & Cromarty County Council on Plockton airstrip, which note had been issued to the members.

The meeting discussed the matter at some length and had put to them valuable suggestions from Mr. Grant.

The meeting unanimously agreed as follows:-

1. That the Ministry of Defence danger area in respect of the Lossiemouth base should be pushed further to the East to exclude the Dornoch Strip from the danger zone.
2. That as the requirements for a Board of Trade "J" licence are modest the Town Council, being the appropriate Authority, should proceed with obtaining this licence.
3. that an entry in the publication "Air Pilot" is required for the Dornoch Airstrip.

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In respect of the licence requirements the meeting ~~stated~~ found that these require marked landing and parking area and found that it would be desirable to have both runways marked. A certain amount of equipment consisting of a mobile fire fighting pump and an axe wrecking bar and other small details will have to be provided.


The meeting also found that a through land line to Lossiemouth would be valuable and an ordinary G.P.O. telephone in addition would be required.

The County Clerk stated that as to the other requirement of periodic levelling of the strip the County Council could do this by providing a road roller; the meeting to investigate the cost of providing a shelter approximately 30 ft x 20 ft. for an aircraft as specified by Mr. Grant.

The County Clerk reminded the meeting that the Highland Development Board might be prepared to contribute up to ~~35%~~ 35% of the total cost, the balance being shared between the County Council and the Town Council.

The meeting requested the County Clerk to obtain estimated costs in respect of these items for a further meeting..

The County Development <sup>Office</sup> stated that it might be possible to have the access road to the strip improved by the Army as an OP.MAC scheme.



J. Nolan, F.I.A.C.

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11th July, 1969.

Board of Trade,  
Broomhouse Drive,  
Saughton,  
EDINBURGH.

For the attention of Mr. E.M. Hunter.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Airstrip  
Loganair

I have just received an application from the Manager of Loganair Ltd., for permission to use the Dornoch Airstrip on the afternoon of Saturday, 16th July, 1969. The company wishes to operate short pleasure flights which will provide an added attraction to the Sutherland Agricultural Society show which will be held on that day and I have been advised to approach your Department for approval.

May I please have your comments?

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.



BOARD OF TRADE  
Civil Aviation Office for Scotland  
Broomhouse Drive, EDINBURGH 1K EH11 3XE  
Telephone: Craiglockhart 4040, ext. 955

Our reference: SCO 366/039  
Your reference:  
Reply to:

30th July, 1969.

Dear Mr. Nolan,

Dornoch Airstrip

... Herewith, somewhat belatedly, is your temporary aerodrome licence for 26th July, 1969. In the public transport role there are two classes of aerodrome, licensed and unlicensed. The following limitations are laid on an unlicensed aerodrome by law (Art 62, Air Navigation Order 1966). It can only be used by aircraft under 6000 lbs. weight provided that they are not engaged on

- (a) a scheduled journey
- (b) a flight intended to begin and end at the same aerodrome
- (c) a flight for the purpose of flying instruction

It can also be used by any helicopter provided that the helicopter is not engaged as in (a), (b) and (c) above.

2. With regard to licensed aerodromes there are certain technical requirements which are laid down by the Board of Trade (Civil Aviation) relating to surface gradients, length and width of strips, and approaches to the runways. I will not go into these but Dornoch should not have any difficulty as far as these are concerned. In addition, there are requirements for marking the strips, signals area and wind indicator, none of which are difficult or prohibitive. However, the Board of Trade (Civil Aviation) also lays down a required scale of fire and crash equipment and personnel for licensed aerodromes and this scale is related to the heaviest aircraft likely to use the aerodrome and the frequency of aircraft movements. When and if your Council becomes interested in the possibility of licensing the links area as an aerodrome our Fire Service Officer at this office can discuss the fire and crash requirements with you and the implications this entails for the Council.

Yours faithfully,

(E. M. Hunter)  
for Controller

Town Clerk,  
Royal Burgh of Dornoch,  
High Street,  
DORNOCH.

J. Nolan, F.I.A.C.

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Ref 5B.

31st July, 1969.

Ministry of Civil Aviation,  
Brookhouse Drive,  
Saughton,  
Edinburgh.


For the attention of Mr. Hunter.

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Bornoch Air Strip

Following the Application on behalf of Loganair Ltd., to operate short pleasure flights from Bornoch Air Strip on 26th July, 1969. I now enclose cheque for £7:10:-d. in settlement of the Licence Fee. Please acknowledge and at the same time perhaps you could kindly send me the appropriate application forms for a "J" licence in which my Town Council is interested. Any helpful guidance in this connection would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

  
Tom Clerk.

RECEIVED 5 AUG 1969

John H. D. Whitmore

7 Parc de Budé

Genève

(022) 33.77.14

14th August 1969

The Town Clerk  
DORNOCH  
Sutherland  
Scotland

Dear Sir:

You were kind enough to give us every help two years ago when we used Dornoch Airfield regularly during a six-week period in the summer of 1967, and I was delighted to hear of your subsequent success in keeping the Airfield open, despite the objections from Lossiemouth.

We are planning to visit Dornoch again next month and would very much appreciate it if you could help us on our forthcoming visits, as you did in the past.

I am enclosing a letter of advice I have sent to the Chief of Air Traffic Control at Lossiemouth which lists the dates and times in question; the actual times are of course only approximate, although I do not think they will vary to any great extent.

I would be most grateful if you could let me know the current condition of the Airfield, usable runway lengths of grass and windsock availability. It would be of very great assistance to us if the windsocks were in position at least one hour before our estimated time of arrival. Also would it be possible for the person who puts up the windsock to check the strip carefully in an East-West direction, for possible obstructions, logs, stones, etc. I will, of course, be pleased to pay any necessary charges incurred in this respect.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,



SIR JOHN H D WHITMORE Bt.

John H. D. Whitmore

7 Parc de Budé

(022) 33.77.14

Genève

14th August 1969

Chief Officer  
Air Traffic Control  
Royal Naval Air Station  
Lossiemouth  
Murrayshire  
Scotland

Dear Sirs:

I am planning to make the following flights into Dornoch Airfields:

Monday	1st September 1969	Arr: 14.00	Dep: 16.00
Tuesday	2nd September 1969	Arr: 15.30	Dep: 16.00
Friday	5th September 1969	Arr: 17.00	Dep: 18.00
Sunday	7th September 1969	Arr: 18.00	Dep: 19.00
Wednesday	17th September 1969	Arr: 12.00	Dep: 13.00

These times are naturally approximate at the moment and if you should require more exact times, I shall be glad to supply them in due course, but I understand it is necessary to give you advance warning which is why I am writing to you now.

We will of course give you a radio call in good time on frequency 118.90, and we are, of course, conversant with the Lossiemouth restricted areas.

The airplane to be used is an Aero Commander Turbo One, the call sign of which is as yet unknown, but the airplane is fully equipped with Class I Radio and will be flown by instrument rated pilots.

I would appreciate your written confirming acknowledging receipt of this advice, and at the same time could you please let me know whether turbine fuel is available at Lossiemouth should we require it.

I look forward to hearing from you and should you require any further information regarding the above mentioned flights, please let me know.

Yours truly,

JOHN H D WHITMORE



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## BOARD OF TRADE

Civil Aviation Office for Scotland

Broomhouse Drive, EDINBURGH ~~XX~~ EH11 3XETelephone: ~~031-443 4040~~, ext. 955

(031-443 4040)

Our reference: SCO 366/039

Your reference:

Reply to:

19th August, 1969

Dear Mr. Nolan,

Dornoch Airstrip

My letter of 30th July 1969 and yours of 31st July 1969 have obviously crossed in the post. I trust the information which I supplied was of value. Unless there is some definite proposal for a scheduled service I do not see that Dornoch has anything to gain by applying to licence its airstrip which would entail providing fire/crash cover for aircraft movements.

2. I enclose some copies of licence application forms as requested.

Yours sincerely,

(E. M. Hunter)  
for Controller

J. Nolan Esq., F.I.A.C.,  
Town Clerk & Chamberlain,  
Town Clerk's Chambers,  
High Street, DORNOCH,  
Sutherland.



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COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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YOUR REF.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

GOLSPIE

OUR REF.

JBR/ET

SUTHERLAND

Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

J. B. RODGER, M.A., LL.B.

COUNTY CLERK

24th September, 1969

5A.

J. Nolan, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Town Clerk's Office,  
Dornoch

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air Strip

You will remember that at the last meeting of the Joint Committee it was agreed that the Town Council would investigate the possibility of obtaining a Board of Trade "J" licence for the air strip in Dornoch.

The Officials of the County Council undertook to produce estimates of costs for certain elements in connection with the air strip and these have now been obtained, as follows:-

1. Telephone Coin Box - I enclose an application form received from the G.P.O. showing the charges involved in providing this.
2. Stock-proof Fencing for Parking Area - Taking the car park area at roughly 100 yds. square the approximate cost is £200.
3. An open-ended Building approximately 30' x 20' for protecting an aircraft based on the air strip - this is estimated at £750.

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200

750

950

Estimate for Road.

£ 950

- 4. Threshold Markers - These are "landing T's" and four in white concrete laid flush with the the surfaces of the two runways would cost approximately £30.
- 5. Levelling and Rolling the site - The grass on the strip should also be cut as required by the Board of Trade and the estimate for this item is £200 all in.

£ 30

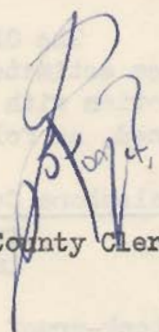
£ 200

In addition there are the modest costs of providing some equipment such as crowbars and picks on the site. This was all the information I was asked to obtain.

You will remember that the Highland Development Board had intimated that they might be prepared to provide a grant amounting to 35% of the cost.

No doubt you will now apply for the appropriate category of licence to the Board of Trade. The County Development Officer will provide any additional information you require.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

£ 980  
£ 1180

*fire equipment*  
*work equipment*



Tel. Number Doonagh

### APPLICATION FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE

Full name (In block capitals) SUTHERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Address at which telephone service is required AIRSTRIIP

DOONAGH SUTHERLAND

Address to which bills are to be sent (if different from above)

Business or occupation Local Authority

Please supply the following :-

#### CURRENT CHARGES

	Connexion or single payment charge			Quarterly rental		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<u>one</u> <del>Exclusive</del> <u>Shared</u> Exchange line(s) <del>Business</del> <u>Residence</u>	20	-	-	4	-	-
Extension(s)						
Other equipment <u>one</u> <u>Coinbox</u>	2	-	-	2	10	-
Total	22	-	-	6	10	-

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTORY ENTRY REQUIRED

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME	BUSINESS DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	For POST OFFICE use only
<small>Usual Trade style, the name determining the alphabetical position to be placed first OR Surname first, followed by initials of Christian names or forenames (one abbreviated Christian name or forename is allowed if desired)</small>	<small>One word of description if required. (Business lines ONLY)</small>	<small>To include only :- 1. Number of premises. 2. Name of road or street. 3. Postal district and number where appropriate.</small>	EXCHANGE and NUMBER <u>DOONAGH</u> A/N No. PASTE-UP AMENDED BY CHECKED

If a second entry in the directory, under an alternative heading, would help your correspondents to find your number, this may be had for a small annual charge. Please insert a tick here  if you require further particulars.

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Ref: 96. 5B

10th November, 1969.

Regional Land Commissioner,  
43, Rose Street,  
EDINBURGH, 2.

Dear Sir,

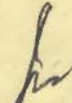
Dornoch Air-Strip

Sometime ago my Town Council obtained a Temporary Licence to operate our Air-strip on Dornoch Links and I have now been instructed to apply to the Board of Trade for a class "J" Licence. It is noticed from the Application Form that the approval of the Regional Land Commissioner is necessary and I would be most grateful if this could be arranged.

I should add that the air-strip has been used by chartered flights on several occasions.

I await your comments.

I am,  
Yours truly,

  
Town Clerk.

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Our Ref: 9A.

10th November, 1969.

J. McMillan, Esq.,  
County Planning and Development Officer,  
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air Strip

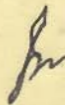
I enclose a copy of an application for an Aerodrome Licence for our Air-Strip and you will notice in Section 8 of the Application Form that Local Authority Planning Permission is required. I hope this can be arranged.

For your information a copy of a Temporary Aerodrome Licence which was granted recently and which shows a map on the reverse, is enclosed and I hope it will be helpful.

Please let me know if any further formalities are necessary.

Kindly return the forms.

Many thanks,  
Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

Your Ref:SC0/366/039

Our Ref:5B.

10th November, 1969.

The Board of Trade,  
Civil Aviation Office for Scotland,  
Broomhouse Drive,  
EDINBURGH, EH11 3XE

For the Attention of Mr. E.M. Hunter.

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Dornoch Air-Strip

With your letter of 19th August, 1969 you forwarded application forms for an Aerodrome Licence and I notice that Section 3(b) of the form refers to Article 61(2) of the Air Navigation Order 1960 but I cannot trace a copy in this office and I am unable to complete the application for the Class "J" Licence.

Could you kindly send me a copy debiting this office with the cost.

regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tom Clerk.

P. S. Can you supply, or let me know where to obtain, an Ordnance Survey map (scale 6") of the Strip?

Ref 5B

10th November, 1969.

The Secretary,  
North of Scotland Water Board,  
WICK.

Dear Sir,

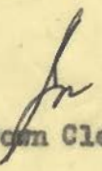
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I should add that the air-strip has been used for chartered flights on several occasions.

I await your comments.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,

  
Town Clerk.

Ref:5B.

11th November, 1969.

J.B.Rodger, Esq.,  
County Clerk,  
County Offices,  
GOLSPIE.

Dear Sir,

DORNOCH-AIRSTRIP

I understand from Provost Clunie that you were enquiring about the progress made concerning the negotiations for obtaining a class "J" licence for our Air Strip.

The following is the present position:-

Authorisations required:

1. County Planning Permission
2. Regional Land Commissioner
3. Water Conservancy Board

for which application has been made.

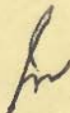
Documents required and requested

1. Copy of Air Navigation Order 1967
2. Ordnance Survey Map (6ins Scale)  
of Air-Strip.

The application has been prepared and will be lodged with the Ministry of Aviation immediately the required Authorisations and documents are received.

Please acknowledge.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.





COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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J. J. McMILLAN, COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, COUNTY OFFICES, DORNOCH. TEL. 332  
PLANNING OFFICER,

58.

19th November '69

J. Nolan, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Dornoch.

ANSWERED 10 DEC 1969

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air Strip

I refer to your letter and enclosures of the 10th November, relating to an Aerodrome Licence for the above airstrip.

Since Planning Permission is required, I enclose herewith an application form which please complete and return to me along with two copies of the necessary plans.

Yours faithfully,

*John J. McMillan*

County Planning and Development Officer.

# NORTH OF SCOTLAND WATER BOARD

R. H. Stevenson, MA, LLB,  
Clerk to the Board.

Telephone: WICK 2233-4

Your Ref. SB

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Our Ref.

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County Offices

Wick.

20th November, 1969

When phoning or calling  
please ask for Mr Beattie

J. Nolan, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Town Clerk's Chambers,  
High Street,  
Dornoch.

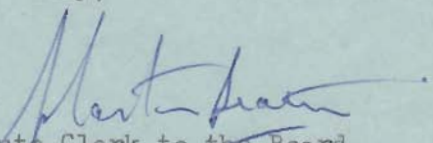
Dear Sir,

## Dornoch Air Strip

I refer to your letter of 10th November in regard to the application form which you require to apply for a class "J" Licence and in particular to the requirement that the approval of the "Water Conservancy or Catchment Board" is required.

While it is considered that the "Water Conservancy or Catchment Board" would be Sutherland County Council as Drainage Authority rather than the North of Scotland Water Board I would indicate that the Water Board has in any event no objection to an air strip being operated on Dornoch Links.

Yours faithfully,

  
Depute Clerk to the Board

RECEIVED 27 NOV 1969



## LAND COMMISSION

OFFICE FOR SCOTLAND

Town Centre, CUMBERNAULD, Glasgow

Telex: 77340 Landcom Cnault

Telephone: Cumbernauld 21144, ext.

Our reference: LEV/3/11/3

Your reference: 9a

26th November, 1969.

The Town Clerk,  
High Street,  
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip

Thank you for your letter of 10th November. I do not think the approval of the Land Commission would be required for the operation of an Air-strip, but normally a change of use, such as this, should be notified before it is effected.

However, your Council are exempt from Betterment levy and you need take no further action so far as the Land Commission is concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(K. W. ABELL)  
for Controller.



BOARD OF TRADE

Civil Aviation Office for Scotland

Broomhouse Drive, EDINBURGH W/ EH11 3XE

Telephone: ~~Craiglockhart 4040~~, ext. 955  
031-443 4040

Our reference: 800 366/039  
Your reference: 5B  
Reply to:

26th November, 1969.

Dear Mr. Nolan,

Dornoch Airstrip

I refer to your letter of 10th November, 1969 and my letter of even reference of 19th August, 1969. The article of the A.N.O. 1966 which you refer to is 64(2).

Article 64(2) states "Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) of this Article, if the person applying for the licence so requests, the Board may grant a licence (in this Order referred to as "a licence for public use") which shall be subject to the condition that the aerodrome shall at all times when it is available for the take off or landing of aircraft be so available to all persons on equal terms and conditions."

I would suggest that your answer to para. 3(b) in the application form is "no". The alternative to a public use licence is an ordinary licence and this type of licence gives you a greater measure of control over who uses your aerodrome and the times of use.

The Air Navigation Order is available from H.M.S.O., and I would suggest that it is fairly likely that the Sutherland County Surveyor has O.S. maps of the Dornoch area.

I enclose two application forms which are more up to date than the ones I left with you.

Yours sincerely,

(E. M. HUNTER)  
for Controller

J. Nolan, Esq., F.I.A.C.,  
Town Clerk Chamberlain,  
Royal Burgh of Dornoch,  
High Street,  
Dornoch,  
Sutherland.



Pln/16

29th December '69

J. Nolan, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Dornoch.

RECEIVED 30 DEC 1969

Dear Sir,

Planning - Burgh of Dornoch

The under-noted applications for planning permission, relative to the Burgh of Dornoch, were considered by the Planning Committee on the 15th Dec., 1969

1. J. S. Keith, Esq., The Cottage, Manuden, Bishops Stortford, Herts. The erection of a Colt bungalow at Stafford Road, Dornoch - Granted. This site is within a Tree Preservation Order Area and the normal provisions for implementing this order should be safeguarded. Details of vehicular access to be sent to the County Road Surveyor for approval.
2. A. R. Imlach, Esq., Tornaver, Dornoch. Conversion of basement store into self-contained flat - Granted. The two windows in East elevation to be of a type similar to the existing windows. (This building is within the proposed Conservation Area)
3. Royal Dornoch Golf Club, per G. K. Mackay, Esq., Dornoch. Erection of a shelter/store and fuel storage tank near Littleton - Continued for further consideration.
4. Mrs Betty Mackay, Mo Dhaichaidh, Dornoch. Extension to lounge at house 'Mo Dhaichaidh' - Granted.
5. Town Council of the Burgh of Dornoch - Redevelopment of Dornoch Air Strip - Granted. (Official form of consent will be issued in due course)

Yours faithfully,

pp. J. J. McMillan

County Planning and Development Officer.