

Draft Minutes Of Meeting 17
Dunvegan Primary Stakeholder Group
16 November 2023 at 3:45pm
Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Initials
Parent Council Representatives	
Anna Campbell	AC
Highland Councillor	
John Finlayson	JF
Drew Millar	DM
Community Representatives	
Mali MacLennan – Dunvegan Trust	MMacL
Highland Council Officials	
Pamela Burns, Corporate Communications	PB
Robert Campbell, Estate Strategy Manager	RC
Dorothy Gibb, Principal Estates Officer	DG
Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager	MMD
Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator	JMR
Alan Paul, Estates Officer	AP
External Officials	
Neil Clapperton. LSHA	NC
Apologies	
Ian Hall, Dualchas	
Kenna MacInnes, Football Club	
Calum Munro, Councillor	
Ruaridh Stewart, Councillor	
James Swinnerton, LSHA	

Item	Discussion and comment	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies as above. 	
2.	Highland Council update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No schools in Highland area were successful in the recent LEIP 3 funding announcement. • Dunvegan Primary School is not included in the Capital Program agreed in September but is not off the program - just not happening as early as envisaged. • Need to continue to progress certain aspects of the Masterplan which in turn will support a new school build. • Capital Program did allow funding for delivering the access road improvement works and which will allow LSHA to progress the housing development. • New improved access road will be jointly funded by THC and LSHA with works to start in April 2024. Carefully manage the program of works so as not to impact on the day to day running of the school. • RC – In the interim, will arrange a separate meeting with the Head Teacher and Parent Council to discuss a maintenance schedule and prioritise works required in the school. • DG – Decrofting is concluded for part of the land area, and resumption (decrofting) is progressing for remaining area. It is anticipated all should conclude in time for access. Once everything is completed, enabling works can progress and LSHA can move forward with house build. • JF – What is the current feeling in the market on civil engineering/building costs? • RC – Inflation is levelling off and the biggest problem we have is availability of contractors. Tenders go out for works but few prices returned, and those that we do get can be quite extreme. • JF – We have contractors on the island working on projects – Uig Pier, Storr Carpark etc... RJ MacLeod and there are local contractors who could possibly be interested in the access road works. Contact should be made with them to gauge interest. Who should be approaching them to ask? • RC – Dualchas/LSHA as they are leading on the project. • DM – New link road due to go ahead in Portree next year. Not sure if contract has been awarded but same contractor could be used? • RC – Will check with Roads Team on this. • JF – Suggest contacting Gordon MacDonald in Roads Dept. 	
3.	LSHA update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling work – need to work out splitting the costs. • The house building is part of our program of works and keen to progress this. • Must be value for money for the Scottish Government and we require contractors to tender so project can be delivered. • Dunvegan project is of a reasonable scale and hopeful to get reasonable tendering returns. • Has the resumption order been resolved? • DG – Progressing again and don't envisage any problem. 	

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	LSHA need ownership of the ground before accessing Scottish Government funding.	
4.	Community update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community disappointed at the LEIP 3 announcement. Having the housing progress would be a positive and important outcome. It could be very difficult to generate the enthusiasm required to progress with the pitch aspect of the master project when the other two elements are so uncertain 	
5.	Future engagement and meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up meetings with Head Teacher and Parent Council to discuss future works at Dunvegan. DG – Don't see the need for the Stakeholder Group for the new school at present. Would LSHA be holding regular meetings with the community? NC – Community meetings are held and briefings from THC could be shared at this point and also THC staff could attend meetings. DG- Suggest that today is the last formal Stakeholder Meeting for the foreseeable future. Going forward, LSHA will lead meetings and THC will feed into them. JF – Keep the circulation list updated in case <i>ad hoc</i> meetings are required. It is important to keep the community apprised of what is happening. DG – Happy to attend Parent Council meetings and can provide email updates when required. 	
6.	AOCB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Neil Clapperton to circulation list. MMacL – what is the capacity of Dunvegan Pr – is there sufficient space? RC – we do annual school roll forecasting and monitor school rolls. Looking at Dunvegan, there is enough space for classes. It's more the ancillary space that is lacking – gym hall, ASN room etc. NC – would the new housing have an impact on the school capacity? RC – monitor the numbers closely and if additional space required, would work this out. AC – Repairs for the school is from the same budget as the road access works. What happens if the enabling works come in over budget and there is nothing left for the school? School is freezing and they need a new heating system. RC – won't be till Spring next year before costs are finalised for the enabling works. In the meantime. We need to prioritise the works required in the school and balance out these works over the next five years. AC – Parent Council have a list of works needing attention. Will these not be looked at till after the enabling works are done? RC – will meet with the Head Teacher and Parent Council to discuss further. Larger works are normally progressed during the summer holidays. DG – Any ongoing maintenance will be addressed in the normal way (request through Concerto maintenance system). JF – Thanked everyone in the group for their contributions to date. 	

