

Agenda Item	9.
Report No	SCC/16/21

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 16 August 2021

Report Title: Dornoch Common Good Quarterly Monitoring report

Report By: ECO Communities and Place
ECO Resources and Finance

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a financial monitoring report for the first quarter of Financial Year 2021/22 and provides an update on current Dornoch Common Good issues.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i. note the position of Dornoch Common Good fund at the end of the first quarter
- ii. note the update on current Dornoch Common Good issues

3. Implications

3.1 Resource implications

The Q1 monitoring statement highlights predicted income and expenditure against the budget.

3.2 Legal implications

The application of funds will fall within the competency guidelines set out both in statute and in common law in relation to Common Good Funds. The application of funds will comply with all financial regulations.

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) impacts

Grants from Dornoch Common Good Fund are awarded in consultation with Dornoch Area Community Council. Community consultations are carried out in line with Community Empowerment Act on potential disposals of Dornoch Common Good land.

3.4 There are no Climate Change, Risk or Gaelic implications.

4. Monitoring Report Q1 2021/22

4.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of June 2021 against budget and estimated year end position is attached at Appendix One.

4.2 Income

- Rental income was received in Q1 from Dornoch Caravan Park (first of two payments). The remainder is made up of part payments (monthly direct debit)
- The remaining rents will be invoiced when they become due.
- Income is expected to be on target for the year.

4.3 Expenditure

- Two grants were made during the first quarter:
 - Dornoch Heritage Society received £7,000 for the Historylinks Museum extension project. This is the second of four payments and the project total is £27,365 as agreed at Committee on 9 July 2020
 - Dornoch Area Community Council received £4,084 for Asset Maintenance and Improvement Projects – Phase 2 which delivered a series of streetscape/ environmental projects around the town.
- Dornoch Area Community Interest Company (DACIC) has not yet drawn down funding allocated for Project Curlew agreed at Committee on 9 July 2020.
- Refurbishment works on Dornoch PCs, included and agreed as part of the 21/22 budget, are due to commence in the autumn, minimising the impact on visitors.
- Miscellaneous costs (£735) comprised professional fees.
- Total expenditure for the year is expected to be on budget.

5. Current Common Good Issues

5.1 Community Consultation

Following requests for the purchase of two small parcels of common good land at River St and Well St, both Littleton, Dornoch, and with the support of local Members, statutory 8 week community consultations are commencing as required by the Community Empowerment Act for Common Good disposals. The outcome will be reported to a future Sutherland County Committee. Any decision to sell will be made by Members at Sutherland County Committee following the consultation.

Designation: ECO Communities and Place
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Dornoch Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring					APPENDIX 1
Period to June 2021					
	Actual to date	Budget	Estimated Outturn	Variance	
	£	£		£	
INCOME					
Rents	19,238	45,600	45,600	0	
Interest and investment income	0	2,500	2,500	0	
TOTAL INCOME	19,238	48,100	48,100	0	
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs	0	2,500	2,500	0	
Grants & contributions	11,084	129,760	129,760	0	
Miscellaneous Costs	735	13,500	13,500	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,819	145,760	145,760	0	
Income less Expenditure	7,419	(97,660)	(97,660)	0	
Unaudited Usable Reserves 2020/21		£332,477			

Grants and Contributions

Organisation	Project	Amount
Dornoch Heritage Society	Museum Extension (payment 2 of 4)	£7,000
Dornoch Area CC	Asset Maintenance & Improvement Projects- Phase 2\	£4,084
Total		£11,084