

Agenda Item	<b>10(a)</b>
Report No	<b>SCC/23/21</b>

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Sutherland County Committee

**Date:** 22 November 2021

**Report Title:** Dornoch Common Good Quarterly Monitoring report

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place  
Executive Chief Officer Resources and Finance

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a financial monitoring report for the first two quarters 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 second quarter;
  - ii. note the update on current Dornoch Common Good issues.

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource implications  
The Q2 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 Q2 2021/22**

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

#### **4.2 Income**

- Rental income was up to date at the end of Q2
- The remaining rents will be invoiced when they become due.
- Income is expected to be on target for the year.

#### **4.3 Expenditure**

- Payment of a previously agreed grant was made during the second quarter:
  - Dornoch Heritage Society received £7,000 for the Historylinks Museum extension project. This is the third of four payments and the project total is £27,365 as agreed at Committee on 9 July 2020
- 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 Public Conveniences, included and agreed as part of the 21/22 budget, are due to commence in the autumn, minimising the impact on visitors.
- Staff costs (£474) comprised Common Good Officer fees.
- Miscellaneous costs (£1,152) comprised professional fees.
- Total expenditure for the year is expected to be within budget.

#### **5. Current Common Good Issues**

##### **5.1 Community Consultation**

The outcome of the consultation regarding requests to purchase of two small parcels of common good land at River St and Well St, both Littleton, Dornoch, is the subject of a separate report to Sutherland County Committee.

Designation: ECO Communities and Place  
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<b>Dornoch Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring</b>					<b>APPENDIX 1</b>
<b>Period to Sept 2021</b>					
	<b>Actual to date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Rents	27,393	45,600	45,600	0	
Interest and investment income	0	2,500	2,500	0	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,393</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Staff Costs	474	2,500	2,500	0	
Grants & contributions	18,084	129,760	129,760	0	
Miscellaneous Costs	1,152	13,500	13,500	0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>19,710</b>	<b>145,760</b>	<b>145,760</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>7,683</b>	<b>(97,660)</b>	<b>(97,660)</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Unaudited Usable Reserves 2020/21</b>		<b>£332,477</b>			

#### **Grants and Contributions**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dornoch Heritage Society	Museum Extension (payment 2 of 4)	£7,000
Dornoch Area CC	Asset Maintenance & Improvement Projects- Phase 2	£4,084
Dornoch Heritage Society	Museum Extension (payment 3 of 4)	£7,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£18,084</b>