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COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



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

PLANNING OFFICER,

30th March, 1972.

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

Dear Mr Trowbridge,

Planning - Dornoch Airstrip

The work being carried out by my department is the purchasing of equipment and materials to ensure the airstrip meets the specifications laid down by the Civil Aviation Division of the Department of Trade and Industry insofar as fire-fighting and rescue is concerned.

With the exception of personal protective clothing, the equipment has been purchased and is in storage against the date when the airstrip is to be inspected for licensing purposes.

Yours sincerely,

John J. McMillan

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
GOLSPIE
SUTHERLAND
Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

YOUR REF.

OUR REF. JBR/EDM

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

20th July, 1972.

G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Chambers,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Aerodrome

I refer to your letter of 5th current.

The position to date is that the County Surveyor has incurred considerable expense over his estimate for cutting and clearing the grass runways. We are not at the moment clear as to what surplus remains in the estimates to cover the cost of a building and, until the final costings are available from the Roads Office, no decision can be taken about this.

I have asked the Officials to hurry matters on and I hope to be able to write you again soon.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

County Clerk.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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

11th October 1972.

The Town Clerk,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Planning - Dornoch Air Strip.
Proposed Vehicle Store.

The County Planning Authority considered recently an offer from a Contractor to erect a suitable store for the vehicles known to be necessary for the operation of the above Air Strip.

During the course of discussion Baillie Manson asked whether any reception accommodation was to be provided within this building. It was explained at that time that the County Council would with the provision of this building be considerably over-spending the original total estimate of £3,000. for instituting the Air Strip in its proper form. Baillie Manson's request will add yet again to this cost and before exploring the necessary alterations to the design of the building I would be obliged if your Town Council could indicate its willingness to meet a proportion of the over-expenditure necessary.

I regret I cannot at this stage indicate the total cost to the Town Council but I would be obliged if the course of asking for a contribution comparable to that already agreed for expenditure, i.e. one-third, could be adopted before my Department is involved in further technical preparation.

Yours faithfully,

JP John J. McMillan

County Planning Officer

RECEIVED 17 OCT 1972



COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

*Recd' cert
by Mr. McMillan*

J. J. McMILLAN, COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER, COUNTY OFFICES, DORNOCH, TEL. 491

11th October 1972.

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The Town Clerk,
Dornoch.


Dear Sir,

Planning. Dornoch Air Strip.

I have to advise you that the trailer and fire engine forming part of the fire fighting equipment for the above Air Strip has been stored in the premises of Messrs. Mackays Garage to date. The space occupied by this equipment is required for temporary use by an incoming developer to the Burgh. I would therefore be obliged if you could make arrangements to house this equipment within the Town Council's own premises at the earliest possible date.

Yours faithfully,

per John J. McMillan

County Planning Officer. 

Our Ref:5B

8th November, 1972.

J.J. McMillan, Esq.,
County Planning Officer,
County Offices,
DORNOCH.

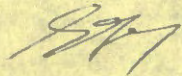
Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip - Proposed Vehicle Store

I refer to your letter of 11th October, 1972 regarding the building to be provided at the Air-Strip.

Your letter was submitted to the Town Council at their meeting on 7th November, 1972 when they resolved to meet one-third of additional cost ⁱⁿ respect of the proposed building.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

Our Ref:5B

8th November, 1972.

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

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip - Proposed Vehicle Building

I refer to letter dated 11th October, 1972 received from the Planning Officer enquiring whether the Town Council would be prepared to meet one-third of the cost of the provision of the above building at the Air-Strip.

At their meeting on 7th November, 1972 the Town Council agreed to this proposal and I have to advise you accordingly. Mr. McMillan has been informed of the position.

Yours faithfully



COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



YOUR REF.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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SUTHERLAND

Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

OUR REF. RM/EM

6th November, 1972

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

G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Chambers,
High Street,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Airfield

I write to inform you that the Council have agreed to provide a small Reception Room adjoining the Store at Dornoch Airstrip and an Ambulance, if possible, on loan from the Ambulance Service.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

County Clerk.

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Our Ref:5B

20th November, 1972.

Messrs William Grant,
Joiners,
Dornoch.

Dear Sirs,

Dornoch Air-Strip - Telephone Box

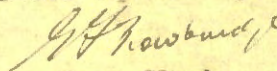
I refer to the telephone/^{box}made by your firm on behalf of the Town Council at the Air-Strip.

The telephone Department called today to fix the coin operated machine, but unfortunately the box appears to be too small, accordingly I shall be glad if you will make the necessary alterations to extend the box by 4 inches in depth, height and width.

It is not known what this entails, accordingly the enclosed order forms authorises what necessary work is required.

Would you please advise me when the work has been completed.

Yours faithfully, ~



Town Clerk.

Encl.

Your ref:RM/EM
Our ref:5B

12th December, 1972

J.B. Rodger, Esq.,
County Clerk,
County Offices,
GOLSPIE.
KW10 6RB

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Airfield

I refer to your letter of 6th November, 1972 intimating that Sutherland County Council had agreed to provide a small Reception Room adjoining the store at Dornoch Air-Strip and an ambulance, if possible, on loan from the Ambulance Service.

Your letter was submitted to the Town Council at their meeting on 5th December, 1972 when they expressed appreciation of the County's offer.

Yours faithfully

Town Clerk.

W. J. McNEIL, ESQ.,
 Planning Officer,
 County Council,
 School
 Road.

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WORK CARRIED OUT AT SCHOOL AIR STRIP
 TO DATE.

LABOUR FOR PERIOD W/E. 2/10/72
 To w/e. 27/10/72. £567.03
 ON COST. 181.48 748.48

MATERIALS SUPPLIED SINCE 1/1/71
 1972, AS PER ATTACHED. 492.78

MATERIALS EX BROWN DEPOT STOCK -
 AS PER ATTACHED. 632

County Council Plant, AS PER
 ATTACHED. 432.22

Amount Due To Date.

£1680.00

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND
ROADS DEPARTMENT

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J. G. EDMOND, M.I.C.E.

County Surveyor

Telephones: Brora 301/302

Your Ref.: 5B

Our Ref.: JGE/MB



County Surveyor's Office

Brora KW9 6QN

7th March, 1973.

G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
High Street,
Dornoch. IV25 3SH.

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Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air Strip

I refer to your letter of 13th ult. and I enclose a copy of our account to Mr. McMillan, County Planning Officer, dated 5th January last.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.

Enc.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



J. J. McMILLAN, COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER, COUNTY OFFICES, DORNOCH, IV25 3SG. TEL 491

30th May 1973.

G.F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Airstrip

I enclose herewith the key for the pass door for the, as yet, incomplete Waiting Room and the Fire Appliance Building at Dornoch Airstrip.

The one remaining item outstanding from the list of works and items to be provided to licence the Airstrip is the provision of an ambulance. This is to be made available to the licensing body, i.e. the Town Council, by the St. Andrews Ambulance Service on a "permanent loan" basis and will be available: some time during early June. The Waiting Room which was accepted by the County Council as being necessary for the proper functioning of the Airstrip subsequent to agreement on the list of works necessary to licence the Airstrip, will be completed within the course of the next two weeks, weather permitting.

There remain, however, several items for which no provision has been made by the County Council and these are primarily the furnishing and carpeting of the Waiting Room. I also understand that reservations have been expressed by Provost Clunie regarding the omission of a metalled access road to the Airstrip, and my opinion on this subject is in accord with that of the Provosts - that a metalled road should be built. I must point out, however, that in the first instance it was agreed that due to the limited amount of finance available, initially set at £1,000. per contributing Authority, it was decided to limit the expenditure on Dornoch Airstrip only to those items which were necessary for its licensing, and this did not include the provision of a road. The access to the Airstrip is now showing signs of becoming badly cut up and I would ask that an early meeting of the constituent Authorities be arranged in order that this further provision can be discussed and if necessary decided upon.

Yours faithfully,

County Planning Officer.

Key enclosed.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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

14th June, 1973.

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

Dear Sir,

Planning - Dornoch Airstrip

I have to report that the final piece of equipment necessary to meet with the 'J' licensing requirements for the above Airstrip is now to hand in the shape of a Morris Ambulance on 'permanent loan' from the St. Andrews Scottish Ambulance Service.

The vehicle has been thoroughly overhauled and having personally driven it from Inverness I can vouch that it is, in all respects, equivalent to a new vehicle. The keys are to be handed to Dornoch Town Council to-day. The relevant keys for the Airstrip building have already been handed to Dornoch Town Council.

Insofar as the County Council is concerned the entire work agreed upon as being necessary for the setting up of Dornoch Airstrip is now complete. There remain, however, in my opinion several aspects of the operation of the Airstrip which have to be examined before the Airstrip can be regarded as being satisfactorily operational. These are:

- (1) The road access to the Airfield - this was originally reported as being desirable for the working of the airfield and the access has now become so much used that it is being badly cut up and after recent rains the ground is very soft and the surface will become even more damaged by vehicles going to and from the airstrip area.
- (2) The furnishing of the waiting room - no provision has ever been made for this and there seems little point in building a waiting room unless it is equipped ready for passengers and air crew to use. Of recent times when aircraft have used Dornoch Airstrip and the charter pilot has been waiting for his passengers there has been no provision made for the accommodation of either pilot or passengers on the ground.
- (3) Recent aircraft movements have apparently taken place without any provision being made for aircraft safety by way of having the fire tender manned and ready for emergency. This may have been due to lack of communication on the part of the aircraft charter company involved, but if the terms of the 'J' licence are to be maintained then this situation cannot be allowed to continue.

I have already discussed items (1) and (2) with Provost Clunie and have suggested to him that a meeting of the co-ordinating committee should be called to resolve these matters. Item (3) seems in my opinion to be a subject for the Licensing Authority, i.e. Dornoch Town Council, to implement but it may be that Provost Clunie may wish to amplify this in the course of the meeting.

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In the meantime I feel that the Committee should extend official thanks to the St. Andrews Scottish Ambulance Service for the provision of a first class vehicle and some thought must now be given to the maintenance of this vehicle as guarantee of continuous maintenance is a clear condition of loan.

Yours faithfully,

John G. McEwan

County Planning Officer.

19th June, 1973

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

B/SR

Dear Sir,

Joint Committee on the Development of Dornoch Air-Strip

The Town Council at their recent meeting, noted with appreciation, that the building to house the fire appliances etc., had now been completed and also an ambulance supplied on loan from the St. Andrews Scottish Ambulance Service.

Reference was made to certain other matters in relation to the Air-strip and it was the opinion of the Town Council that it would be opportune if a meeting of the Joint Committee on the Development of the Air-Strip were called to discuss the position fully, particularly so as it appears that the original sum of £3,000 had been overspent. Accordingly I shall be glad if you can arrange for a meeting of the Joint Committee to be called.

The Town Council would the following to be included in the items to be discussed:-

- (i) provision of metalled road to Air-strip;
- (ii) use of waiting room;
- (iii) provision of lock-fast compound for parking air-craft.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND



J. J. McMILLAN, COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER, COUNTY OFFICES, DORNOCH, IV25 3SG. TEL 491

20th June 1973.

G.F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Planning. Dornoch Airstrip.

Your telephone call requesting that the grass at Dornoch Airstrip be cut ready for final inspection on Tuesday 26th instant was intimated to the Education Department this morning.

The Education Authority staff which is equipped to do this work is essentially outdoor staff and at this moment there is no direct communication between them and the Education office as the gang mowers are working in the landward area of the County. The foreman groundsman would normally receive his instructions by letter either late to-morrow or on Friday morning. As he is committed to a weeks programme of work already, it would not be realistic to expect the Airstrip to be cut before Monday, and it is doubtful whether the work can be organised during the course of Monday. Mr. Wood, the Deputy Director of Education, has suggested that the Town Council should approach some other body which has the necessary tractors and gang mower equipment to carry out the work.

There are to my knowledge no contractors equipped for this work in the County but I would have to point out that the Royal Dornoch Golf Club has staff and equipment for precisely this type of work and I would suggest that you approach them to see whether something can be achieved on an overtime basis.

I garaged the ambulance at Dornoch Airstrip during the course of last week-end and I found that as the vehicle had been lying for some time the battery was flat and I have given instructions for it to be removed for charging. I will therefore retain the keys of the Airstrip building until such time as this has been done. In passing, I noticed that the fire tender had been garaged without its keys. I would suggest that for the future both of these vehicles should be left with the ignition keys in position ready to be used at any time. I would imagine that this is one of the several points which will be scrutinised during the course of the inspection which you tell me you have arranged for next Tuesday.

X keys are in what are believed to several unauthorised cars. but are known to Duncraig House

Yours faithfully,

John J. Millan

County Planning Officer.

Our Ref:5B

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IV25 3SH

21st June, 1973.

J.J. McMillan, Esq.,
County Planning Officer,
County Offices,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip

I thank you for your recent letters regarding the Air-Strip and have to advise you that on the Town Council's instructions I have written to Mr. J.B. Rodger, as Clerk to the Steering Committee on the Development of the Air-Strip, suggesting that a meeting be called to discuss the various matters that have arisen.

With regard to your letter of 20th June, 1973 I have to inform you that the proposed visit to the Air-Strip by a representative of Civil Aviation has now been postponed until a later date to be arranged, it would now appear that the Education Authority will now be able to cut the grass at the Air-Strip and I shall be glad if you will make the necessary arrangements.

With reference to your last paragraph I have to advise you that the keys to the fire appliances are hidden in the appliance and are readily available. The Burgh workmen deliberately hid them so that no unauthorised person might use them.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.