

Dornoch

Heritage Society – At a rescheduled AGM of Dornoch Heritage Society on November 10th at 7.30 pm in the Council Chambers, Dornoch Heritage Scottish Charitable Incorporation Organisation (SCIO) will be established.

The AGM had been originally scheduled for October 20th but unexpected delays by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator forced the Society to postpone the meeting.

Ten years ago Dornoch Heritage Society split into two sections following the completion of Historylinks Museum. A separate trust was set up to run the museum.

Dornoch Heritage Society took on the role of "Friends of the Trust". It raised funds to supply extra items that the Trust has difficulty financing from its own assets. It also provided social events for members and public lectures etc.

However both the Society and the Trust were part of a single charity and shared the same charity number.

This confusion led to Dornoch Heritage Society submitting an annual report and a set of examined accounts to OSCR, while the Trust submitted its books instead to Highland Council in accordance with an arrangement made ten years ago.

Also it was realised that Society and Trust members were not protected from personal liability if either organisation was pursued by creditors.

A re-organisation was obviously required

Fortunately one of the last acts of the former Scottish Government was to implement the introduction of Scottish Charitable Incorporation Organisations (SCIOs). A SCIO costs almost nothing to set up and the incorporation would remove the personal liability of all members of both the Society and the Trust.

It would also report to OSCR with a joint financial report using a single charity number.

Therefore the Trust members and the committee of Dornoch Heritage Society proposed that the present structure of Dornoch Heritage Society be dismantled and re-constructed.

Outwardly few changes will be noticed, but internally there will be an organisation which will be fully compliant with Scottish Charity regulations. Also all members will be protected from personal liability.

It is hoped as many members of Dornoch Heritage Society as possible will attend.

Festival Week – Dornoch Festival Week are holding a Ladies pre-Christmas Pampering/Gift Ideas night on November 26 in the Social Club.

There has been much interest from people wanting to attend and have a table at the event which includes manicures, facials, hair styling, cake decorating, jewellery, clothing and lots of ideas for Christmas presents.

If anyone is interested in coming along to demonstrate or sell their items, get in touch with Catherine Macangus, Dornoch Service Point or phone 01862 811454 or 01862 810720.

The aim is to have a great night, and it has been suggested that folk can Bring their Own Bottle, so everyone can get into the Christmas spirit early!

There will also be teas/coffees available for the teetotaller!

So do go along, say the organisers and enjoy an all-female get together with lots to see and do and lots of great ideas for those hard to get gifts.

Firework Display – The Dornoch Bonfire/Firework Display is on tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Meet at the Square at 6.30pm to pick up your lit torches for the procession to The Meadows for the lighting of the bonfire at 7pm.

The bonfire night is to be "opened" this year by Dornoch Academy rector John Garvie. There will be lots for everyone, hot dogs, teas, coffees, sparklers, Chinese lanterns, soup and entertainment.

It's a free event but donations will be gratefully received to go towards the rising cost of the Firework Display.