

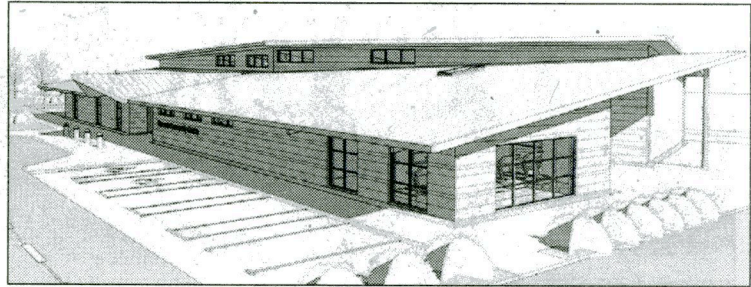
Green light for new community centre

DORNOCH and District Community Association (DADCA) is celebrating the award of detailed planning permission for its new community centre at Meadows Park.

The contract for designing the new building, and for bringing it to the detailed planning stage, was awarded last April to Angus Design Associates Ltd, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Now the impressive building has gained Highland Council planning department's seal of approval, a vital step towards its completion.

Its planned location near the western edge of Meadows Park will permit a huge range of community activities in the building, without adversely affecting Dornoch Football Club or Dornoch Highland



The proposed new community centre.

Gathering which use the park. DADCA chairman Jerry Bishop said: "Our extensive community consultations over the past five years have shown that the people of Dornoch urgently need and want a new community building fit for the 21st century. That aspiration

has taken a significant step towards reality with the award of detailed planning permission.

"DADCA is grateful for the Big Lottery funding which has taken us to this stage, and for the co-operation of Meadows Park Trustees, Dornoch Football

Club and the Highland Games Committee in our efforts.

"Now our application for further Big Lottery Fund assistance, to help erect the new building, is well advanced, and DADCA board members look forward to working with Dornoch Meadows Park Trustees to turning our plans into reality."

Willie MacKay, chair of Meadows Park Trustees, said: "Both the football club and the Highland Games committees see the benefits that a new community centre will bring to Dornoch."

"While the trustees still have constitutional issues to be resolved, we are working to come to a satisfactory outcome and we hope to be in a position to meet formally with DADCA soon."