

## Dornoch's version of the Gun Fight at the OK Corral?

As I went down to the woods today, I was met with a big surprise.

A path from Evelix Road leads into Camore Woods, skirting Loch an Treal. This path has now been upgraded into a splendid cycle track.

As I went round the loch, my mind flew back 44 years.

Our local councillor then,

"Judge" Fraser, came into the public bar of the Eagle Hotel and announced that a local farmer (Drumdivan Farm, near Loch an Treal) had threatened to shoot his dog.

This was because he was walking the dog through the farmland on a right of way path.

"Judge" wished to organise a posse of dog walkers to re-establish the right of way and said that we needed to teach this farmer that he can't just keep on shooting dogs.

A few days later a posse

disembarked from a mini bus with their dogs. The farmer and his two sons confronted them, each with a shotgun, standing at their farm gate, next to a wall.

Would this be Dornoch's version of The Gun Fight at the OK Corral?

I need not have worried - our fearless councillor said: "Come on lads, break down the wall." The farmer twitched a little but did nothing else.

The right of way was re-established and we all returned to the Eagle Hotel to celebrate our heroic action.

Councillor "Judge" Fraser is remembered by the naming of an enclave in Camore called Judge's Court.

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