

# Durness Community Council

Durness Village Hall, Durness, Sutherland, IV27 4QA

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm on Zoom**

**This was expected to be a face-to-face meeting so there was no extended Zoom available.  
Following a vote, the Zoom meeting took place but was limited to 40 minutes.**

## **Minutes**

- 1. Present**
  - Don Campbell (DC) - Chair
  - Ron Tucker (RT) - Secretary
  - Anita Wilson (AW)
  - Barbara Sutherland (BS)
  - Janet Hollands (JH)
  - Cllr Hugh Morrison (HM) - Ex-Officio
  - Steve Woodruff (SW) - Associate
  - Non-Council Member**
  - Dr Laura Hamlet (LH) NW Highlands Geopark Manager
  - Paul Sinnott (PS) Laid Common Grazing & Community Committee
- 2. Apologies**
  - Ewen MacRae (EM), Sarah Fuller (SF), Scott Macpherson (SM),  
PC Mitchell, Maj. Philip Curtis
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting (1<sup>st</sup> November 2021)**
  - Proposed by BS; seconded by AW. Agreed and passed.
- 4. Matters Arising**
  - Sallachy Wind Farm
    - DC stated planning will now be in March, this was confirmed by HM.
  - Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund
    - Ongoing; awaits a project.
  - Beach fencing and notice boards
    - After the meeting RT spoke to EM and confirmed that he has quoted for the repair/rebuild of the steps down to Ceannabeinne beach. This quote went to Jonny, the beach ranger and was for metal tubing to be used.
  - NC500/Tourism
    - No update.
  - Website
    - No update.
  - Road by hostel/Speed limits in Durness and Laid
    - No update.
- 5. Cattle Grid at Sangobeg**
  - Not discussed due to lack of time.
- 6. MOD**
  - Nothing from Maj. Curtis as this was his first day back at work.
  - DC reported that there will be no Joint Warrior this spring.
- 7. NHS**
  - No update.

## 8. Police

PC Mitchell reported via email there was nothing to pass on.

It is stressed that all **non-active crime** should be reported to the Police by calling **101**.

## 9. Reports

### 1. Durness Community Group

RT reported they are still working on raising funds for the playground.

### 2. Geopark

LH reported that they have been busy with working on their website as well as:

- Geo heritage events
- Two student placements
- NW regeneration programme
- 2045 newsletter

### 3. Treasurer

SF reported by email that the balance as of today is £1,141.03

### 4. Northwest2045

Nothing to report.

## 10. Highland Council

HM stated that the Council is into its winter road maintenance programme.

There are two drivers, and their work includes sand on the road, verging and keeping roads clear.

DC thanked the Council for their work on Struie Hill where the improvement is significant.

## 11. Planning

None.

## 12. Any other business

RT asked that all those in receipt of the A level student's questionnaire regarding the NC500, complete and return the document. It is well laid out and postage is free.

## 13. Date of next meeting

7pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 in the Village Hall.

These Minutes were agreed at the meeting on.....