

# Durness Community Group

Charity registration number: SC032179

Durness Village Hall, Smoo, Durness, Sutherland, IV27 4QA

## Minutes of the Meeting (Draft)

Meeting at the Village Hall 7pm 28th October 2021

1. **Present** Yvonne MacRae Vice Chair (YN)  
Ron Tucker - Secretary (RT)  
Sheila Frazer - Treasurer (SF)  
Kathy Parker (KP)  
Joanna Tucker (JT)  
Alistair Morrison (AM)  
Martina Macleod (MM)  
Steve Woodruff (SW)
2. **Apologies** Neil Fuller, Don Campbell, Dawn McKenzie.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Agreed apart from; SF pointed out that item 5 should record that the amount held in reserve should be £8000. Proposed by SF seconded by MM.
4. **Matters arising**
  1. Toilets on the Cape  
No further updates.
  2. Website  
It was suggested that a message be sent to all businesses in Durness advertising the availability of the website. There being no list of businesses in Durness, RT suggested that Anne Mackenzie was probably the best source of that information.  
SW reported Ronnie Lansley has now made available the archive for use on the Durness site. JT offered help with writing content, if needed, and also said that she would contact Lucy Mackay re updating the Village Hall content on the site.  
**Action: SW, JT**
  3. Sallachy Wind Farm  
This is still in planning.
  4. Youth Work  
None.
  5. 1 Bard Terrace  
A meter reading regarding the roof panels is required.  
**Action: SF**
  6. Access to the Ceannabeinne Clearance Village  
No update.
  7. Children's Play Park  
YM asked if we should submit her email of 10 October 2021 to Valerie in order to obtain revised quotes; the current quotes are for playparks that are too large. This was agreed and RT said he would action.  
RT reported that the forms required by Valerie were complete apart from the requirement for a referee. RT to contact Hugh Morrison to ask if he would be willing to do this.

Asset Transfer: RT will ask Hugh Morrison about costs and general advice about this process.

Funding was discussed at length.

- AM said he would speak to Donald Morrison re requesting funding from the Martin Mackay Memorial fund.
- Crowd funding was suggested; SW will investigate in the New Year, including researching campervan hire companies with a view to, through them, informing visitors to Durness who would be interested in supporting us.
- A sponsored event was proposed in the Hall involving all the children who will use the playpark. Easter was suggested as an appropriate time.
- We could approach Tesco and apply to be one of their monthly community project beneficiaries (blue counters)
- Collecting tins for donations could be distributed around the Village to improve awareness of the Playpark project.

**Action: RT, AM, YM, SW**

8. Community Housing

No update. KP asked what our aims were. A discussion took place with no decisive conclusion though it was felt that our role should be to initiate a project of this nature with Ronnie MacRae of the Communities Housing Trust rather than to manage it ourselves.

9. Defibrillators

RT reported that he had sent an email to the ambulance service to report that the Spar unit is no longer functional and is awaiting a reply.

**Action: RT**

10. Press Release

No change.

11. Facebook

Awaits

**Action: NF**

Senior Citizens' Christmas Event.

We still need to know if Smoo Cave Hotel can do this, then a schedule can be implemented.

**Action: NF**

5. **Financial Report**

No change.

KP asked if the DCG is registered for VAT: we are not. KP said that we could be. KP and SF to discuss further.

**Action: KP, SF**

6. **A.O.B.**

None

7. **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7pm at the Village Hall**

These minutes approved at the meeting .....