

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th. September 2019

The nature of the charity's funding document Reference and Administrative details.

Community Company limited by guarantee without share capital.
Recognised as A community Body Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
Registered Office - Durness Village Hall Smoo Durness IV27 4QA
Registered in Scotland Number 222915
Recognised as a Scottish Charity Number SC 032179

Trustees

All appointed as set out by nomination and election as directed in the articles of association and memoranda.

Treasurer	Sheila Frazer,	Retired	20 Durine Durness IV27 4PN
Secretary	Ronald Tucker	Retired	Ceol-na Mara Lerin Durness
Director	Stephen Woodruff	Retired	Craft Village Balnakeil Durness
Director	Michael Fitch	Copy Editor	17a Balnakeil Durness IV27 4PN
Director	Martina Macleod	Potter	14 Balnakeil, Durness IV27 4PN
Director	Dawn Mackenzie	Caterer	4 Bard Terrace Durine Durness IV27 4PN
Director	Neil Fuller	Bus Operator	49 Sangomore Durness IV27 4PZ

Directors

Board vacancies are advertised on the local notice board. Directors can also be invited to join the Board in the absence of any applicants which is increasingly the case.

New directors are provided with a copy of the Mems and Arts and have familiarisation meeting with 2 board members.

Board meetings are held every month and the agenda and minutes are distributed by email. The approved minutes are posted on our website - Developing Durness .org

Membership

Membership is offered without charge to every eligible person living within the Parish of Durness.

Objectives and Activities

- to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Durness and its environs
- to relieve poverty among the residents of the Operating Area who are in necessitous circumstances
- to advance education and to promote training programmes and opportunities for the benefit of the residents of the Operating Area particularly among young people and the unemployed;
- to protect and / or preserve the environment, in consultation with conservation bodies, for the benefit of the general public;
- to promote trade and industry for the benefit of the general public;
- to provide or assist in the provision of housing for people in necessitous circumstances within the Operating Area;
- to promote, establish and operate other schemes for the benefit of the community within the Operating Area provided that such schemes are charitable in law;
- to manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general as an important part of the protection and sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment, where 'sustainable development' means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Achievements and Performance

The Development Group's activities have been wide ranging. The company's statutory and acquired responsibilities continue through the ownership of the community house in Bard Terrace; the organization, administration, management and operation of its ongoing projects; the initiation of new projects and the running of the company. All undertaken by volunteers from the community.

Durness Development Group continues to work with the Community Council, Village Hall Committee, the local Primary School, Highland Council, Kinlochberrie Development Trust, Highlife Highland, and others in joint ventures and projects throughout the Parish of Durness and wider communities, as appropriate:

- Highland Council Ranger Donald Mitchell, TIC Durness Sutherland
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Tollemarch House, Main Street, Thurso

- Highland Council
- North West Training Centre, Kinlochbervie

UNDERTAKING AND DUTIES

Bard Terrace

- We continue to rent out Bard Terrace which provides an income which can be used to fund projects in the community

LOCAL INPUT

Youth Work

We have been unable to recruit youth workers in Durness. The parents did not wish to help out so the weekly Youth Club ceased, although there is still the Youth Badminton club which we support.

We are now working with Highlife Highland who have also had the same recruitment difficulties and are running a joint weekly project in Kinlochbervie where our senior pupils attend school. We contribute to the costs of running this activity

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We again organised this annual event in a local hotel with the local primary school to giving a short performance of their Christmas musical and Carols. After an excellent meal two groups of local musicians came and provided music for dancing, games and singing. All the guests went home with a Christmas Gift from Santa Claus.

CAPE WRATH TOILETS

Our original plan was to provide a composting toilets at the Headland for visitors arriving on the mini bus. This would have been logistically complex regarding cleaning and maintenance. The owner of the Ozone Café had purchased an additional building from Highland Council to create toilets, these will have running water and suitable effluent disposal, all of which involved major engineering work which he was undertaking. We made an agreement that these toilet facilities would be open for anybody at the site and to that end we donated the money we had raised (£7,854) in various ways and topped it up with a £2,146 donation from our own funds. Thus providing a total of £10,000 in order that they could be to a higher specification, will be looked after by the café owner and open for all to use.