

Durness Community Council

Durness Village Hall, Durness, Sutherland, IV27 4QA

Monday 6th June 2022 following the AGM in the Village Hall

Minutes – Draft

- 1. Present**
 - Don Campbell (DC) - Chair
 - Scott Macpherson (SM) – Vice Chair
 - Ron Tucker (RT) – Secretary
 - Ewen MacRae (EM),
 - Anita Wilson (AW)
 - Barbara Sutherland (BS)
 - Janet Hollands (JH)
 - Cllr Hugh Morrison (HM) - Ex-officio
 - Cllr Marianne Hutchison (MH) – Ex-Officio
- 2. Apologies** Dr. Laura Hamlet (LH), Sarah Fuller (SF), PC Mitchell, Maj. Philip Curtis, Paul Sinnott (PS), Steve Woodruff (SW)
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting (16th May 2022)**
 - DC stated that 11.1 should state he WILL sign.
 - Proposed by BS; seconded by SM. Agreed and passed.
- 4. Matters Arising**
 - 1. Sallachy Wind Farm**
 - Underway.
 - 2. Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund**
 - No change.
 - 3. Beach fencing and notice boards**
 - No change.
 - 4. NC500/Tourism**
 - DC stated that apparently we do have Rangers but they haven't been seen so far. Once they have been identified they will be invited to these meetings.
 - Have the bins been emptied?
 - 5. Website**
 - The website needs to change. SW has been very busy, so RT suggested that John and Danika Sutherland be asked to look at it with SW. John and Danika are professionals in the website field.
 - 6. Road by hostel/Speed limits in Durness and Laid**
 - MH stated she was guaranteed a response regarding a road engineer attending, but she is still waiting.
 - 7. Cape Wrath Road**
 - HM reported no response from the Council.
- 5. MOD**
 - From DC: There will be activity on the range 27th to 30th June.
 - 5th to 9th September is reserved.
 - 1st to 10th October is planned for Joint Warrior.

6. NHS

AW shared with the Committee part of an email she had received from Wendy Edwards (Primary Care Manager, NHS Highland, North) explaining the new infrastructure being put in place for delivering vaccinations:

'Part of the new GP Contract from 2018 was for Vaccinations to be managed by Vaccination Teams and not by GPs or Practice staff. When we spoke previously, we did not know how this was going to look and certainly as far as I am aware it is still in its infancy and planning.

There is an evolving Vaccination team across Highland and they have been planning the over 75 covid boosters from a mobile bus in the rural areas to avoid people travelling to the main towns and larger clinics. This is a trial, and they will be monitoring how things go. There is no decision as yet that I am aware of for the Flu Vaccines.

Because this is a considerable change the Vaccine team informed us that everyone eligible for the over 75s covid would receive a phone call. They were mindful of a lot of people not having access to internet. People would be made aware of the various bus stop clinics in the area and could book into the most suitable for them.

They have also explained that the bus clinic was one option however they would also have a pop up "Tent" if the weather was ok and the addition that people could be vaccinated in their cars if mobility was limited.

The District nurses would still be doing anyone who was housebound and could not get out.'

There is also a website with more details re vaccinations [Vaccination - North \(scot.nhs.uk\)](http://scot.nhs.uk)

7. Police

DC reported that PC Fraser has left and to date there is no replacement.

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

8. Reports

1. Durness Community Group

RT said there was no update.

2. Geopark

DC circulated copies of the biweekly update from Geopark and will send by email their main information document.

3. Treasurer

As per the AGM the balance is £2,686.55

3. Northwest2045

Nothing to report.

4. NW Sutherland Trust (Altnaharra – Creag Riabhach) Wind Farm

DC stated this is coming online very soon.

9. Highland Council

HM reported that tarring is continuing but will end soon. Verge cutting is also ongoing. It was agreed that this is being carried out in an exemplary manner and a letter should be sent to the department responsible.

Action:DC

10. Planning

None.

11. Any other business

1. BS asked if we could have 'residents only' signs in Druim Bhlár.

Action: HM

2. BS pointed out that the gate at the Clearance village had been driven through by a tourist who ended up stuck in the field. The gate needs to be narrowed.

Action: DC

3. SM said that the gate to Ard Neackie has been locked.

RT said that the gate at Portnancon has also been locked.

Both these issues imply that the roads are private. Portnancon even has a sign to that effect.

Action: HM and MH

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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

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