

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 17th August 2022

1. **Present:**
 - Yvonne MacRae - Vice Chair (YM)
 - Ron Tucker - Secretary (RT)
 - Sheila Frazer - Treasurer (SF)
 - Kathy Parker (KP)
 - Joanna Tucker (JT)
 - Alistair Morrison (AM)
 - Martina Macleod (MM1)
 - Misha McPherson (MM)
2. **Apologies**

Dawn McKenzie, Neil Fuller, Don Campbell, Stephen Woodruff, Tia Keith
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** 15th June 2022
Proposed by YM; seconded by MM1.
4. **Matters arising**
 1. Toilets on the Cape

YM reported that Angela Ure stated the toilets are in progress and will be ready for 2023. However, the photo of the toilets looks the same as before.
SF gave a brief outline of the history of the £10,000 given to John Ure in April 2019 for assisting with the cost of building the toilets.
It was agreed that RT & JT would draft a letter on behalf of the committee to John Ure asking how the money has been used over the last 3 years and pointing out that we need to be accountable as others contributed to the donation in addition to the DDG (as it was then).
The letter should be addressed to the John Ure, Ozone Café, Cape Wrath and left at the Post Office for collection.
Action: RT & JT
 2. Website

RT stated that the durness.scot website needs to be more prominent on Google as it is not currently easy to find. YM will ask a contact in KLB for advice and also raise the matter with SW at our next meeting.
Action: YM
 3. Sallachy Wind Farm (SWF)

No update.
 4. Youth Work

No update.
 5. 1 Bard Terrace

AM noted that the front gutters need clearing.
 6. Access to the Ceannabeinne Clearance Village

No update.

7. Children's Play Park

YM reported that £477 was donated at the games via the new collection buckets, together with a further £25.

North Sutherland Sportive has been wound up and has donated half of their funds to us, amounting to £447.52.

YM has applied to Scottish Sea Farms for funding; the application has gone to the second stage and will be discussed by them on 18 August. YM shared the Complan design (£200k+VAT) with them as an example of what we are aiming for.

YM has also emailed a funding request and design info to the Gualin Estate. Following an approach to the Duke of Westminster's Estate they have indicated that they would be more interested in contributing on a matched funds basis. RT to ask for a Ward Discretionary Contribution.

It was suggested that we put contribution boxes in various locations. YM will order 1-2 dozen charity collection tins.

MM suggested organising a fundraising bingo night. She will progress this idea.

Action: RT, YM, MM

8. Community Housing Trust

Their AGM is on 23 September if anyone is interested in attending.

It was suggested that we should invite Marianne Hutchison to our next meeting.

Action: RT

9. Defibrillators

RT stated that the defibrillator at the hall has been withdrawn for a software check.

10. Press Release

A press release will be issued when the Just Giving site is live.

11. Facebook

YM should be set up as editor so that she can push the play park fundraising message.

12. Sutherland Community Trust

This item is closed.

13. Sango Sands

Awaits action from the Highland Council who have agreed to update the stepped access to the beach, but will not maintain it. It was suggested that the DCC should monitor the condition of the steps.

14. Near Me Team

The iPad which was donated to us by Durness Active Health (Cape Wrath Challenge) has been given to the surgery in the hope that it will benefit those using the Near Me service.

15. Computer Equipment

We still have a good laptop (Macbook) available and SW has the laptop which was purchased in order that he could develop durness.scot.

5. Reports

1. Financial

The balance is £54k plus the collection money which should be given to SF.

The play park 'pot' is now c£31k.

2. Durness Community Council

No update.

3. NW Sutherland Trust

No update.

4. SCDC Scourie Community Development Company

No update.

6. A.O.B.

None.

7. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 5th October 2022 7pm at the Village Hall; however this was later changed to **Wednesday 26th October**, at RT's request,

These Minutes approved at the Meeting

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