

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 26th October 2022

1. **Present:** Yvonne MacRae - Vice Chair (YM)
Ron Tucker - Secretary (RT)
Sheila Frazer - Treasurer (SF)
Joanna Tucker (JT)
Alistair Morrison (AM)
Stephen Woodruff (SW)
2. **Apologies:** Dawn McKenzie, Neil Fuller, Don Campbell, Tia Keith, Kathy Parker, Martina Macleod, Misha McPherson
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** 17th August 2022
Proposed by YM; seconded by AM.
4. **Matters arising**
 1. Toilets on the Cape
A letter has been drafted by JT and given to SF to sign as she is the link in the group as to when the money was given to John Ure. This letter will now be sent to John Ure.
Action: JT
 2. Website
SW reported that he has made some changes to the site which may improve the profile but stressed that of key importance was keeping the social media accounts up to date as they drive traffic to the website.
 3. Sallachy Wind Farm (SWF)
No update.
 4. Youth Work
No update.
 5. 1 Bard Terrace
Gutters still need cleaning. YM stated she would have a word locally.
Action: YM.
 6. Access to the Ceannabeinne Clearance Village
No update.
 7. Children's Play Park
YM reported that the Coastal Community Fund (CCF) application failed. Gualin Estate will donate money; the amount is as yet unknown. YM has obtained a new quote from Russell Play for a more achievable design and this had already been circulated to the Group. The estimate is for £100,000 plus VAT.
YM said she will reapply to the CCF with this new quote.
JT said that the Just Giving site is live.
YM said she will write to local businesses.

SW will place a link to Just Giving on the website. He will also keep a running total on the Facebook site.

RT advised he had created an email for the Just Giving site:

dgcsecretary@btinternet.com

SW reminded the group that he can create specific emails through the website if any member needs one.

Action: YM

8. Community Housing Trust

No update.

9. Defibrillators

RT reported that the defibrillator has now been returned to its housing on the front of the Village Hall. The software was checked and a new battery installed. The invoice was sent to SF.

RT, via the DCC, will chase up a progress report on the Highland Council's plan to install two defibrillators per village.

Action: RT

10. Press Release

All agreed that the press release should be issued now that the Just Giving site is live.

JT will send it to the Northern Times and the P&J.

SW will obtain details for a BBC contact.

Action: JT, SW

11. Facebook

SW has added YM as editor.

12. Sango Sands

No update.

13. Near Me Team

No update.

14. Computer Equipment

YM said she will use the spare laptop for play park correspondence.

5. **Reports**

1. Financial

The balance is £57,548 of which £31,000 is ringfenced for the Playpark.

2. Durness Community Council

No update.

3. NW Sutherland Trust

No update.

4. SCDC Scourie Community Development Company

This is the same as the NW Sutherland Trust. They have asked us to sign an agreement re the appointment of solicitors. The legal paragraph provided was discussed at length and all agreed more information is required as well as clarification as the wording was not clear. RT will contact Kristine Mackenzie, the Development Officer for the group, with our concerns.

Action: RT

6. A.O.B.

The matter of the traditional Senior Citizens' Christmas party was raised and discussed at length as to what type of function to go ahead with (a party or a

takeaway dinner, as in recent years). AM said he will contact the Smoo Cave Hotel and see what they can do.

SF suggested that we poll the eligible residents to see what they would prefer. It was agreed that we should have another meeting soon to decide on how to proceed.

Action: AM

7. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 16th November 2022 7pm at the Village Hall. This meeting is just to discuss the Senior Citizens' Christmas party.

These Minutes approved at the Meeting

DRAFT