

Note of the Meeting of Durness Community Council, Monday 5th October

at 7.30pm Durness Village Hall.

1. **Present:** Scott Macpherson *Chair*, Anne Mackenzie *Treasurer*, Donald Mitchell *Vice Chair*, Cllr. Hugh Morrison, and Sarah Fuller *Secretary*.
2. **Apologies:** Alan Andrews, Neil Fuller, P.C. George Silcock.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The Minutes of the August meeting could not be passed, as the meeting was not quorate. These minutes are for note only.
4. **Matters Arising.**
 - Puffin Link. Scott to let the Boat Shed know they can skip the damaged casing.
 - M.o.D. A new Liaison officer who is based in Tain has been appointed. Anne has received a complaint about broadband being affected by the military exercise- Scott reported that the jamming unit has not yet arrived. The next Liaison meeting is hoped to be held at the end of November.
 - Health Board. No issues have been raised. The minutes for the North Coast redesign Durness meeting have not yet been received.
 - Notice Board Map. No further progress.
5. **Police Matters.**

Nothing to report.
6. **Reports.**
 - **D.D.G.**

Funding is currently being sought for the continuation of the Youth Worker posts. The current funding finishes at the end of this year.
 - **N.W.H.Geopark**

Revalidation of membership of the European Geopark network has been taken place and a green card awarded. The Geopark climbing festival was very successful and well attended. The next Directors meeting are to be held in Tongue, who hope to be included within the Geopark.
 - **Treasurers Report.**

C.C. balance is £ 1,831.53. £290 has been paid for web space and £212.50 for secretarial duties. 5 wreathes have been ordered for the Remembrance Day Service.
 - **North West Sutherland Local Health Partnership (NWSLHP).**

The next meeting has been cancelled.
6. **A.O.B.**
 - Information Sign at Smoo Cave. Visitors have been walking into the Cottage looking for information. Hugh to have a look with a view to re-siting.
 - The Chalet at Eden View. Complaints have been received regarding the state of the chalet. Hugh and Scott to speak to Don Campbell.

- Sheila Mather has received a card and copy of the magazine article from the organisers of the Ruby Run, thanking everyone for the send off.
- Durness leaflet. Donald reported that the VIC has run out of the Durness leaflet and a reprint is needed. Neil stated that the map on the leaflet needs redrawn, Cllr. Morrison suggested that it be linked to the proposed noticeboard map.
- Rubbish at the skip site. Donald reported the bonfire pile is very spread out and contains some items, which are not suitable. Hugh to look into putting up no dumping signs.
- Hugh reported that the Sutherland and Caithness Committee has been disbanded, in future a Sutherland only meeting will be held. C.C members will be able to attend these meeting to better represent their local areas.
- Creag Rhiabach Wind farm. The final decision is going before Scottish Ministers.
- Allow Overtaking Signs. 8 new signs are to be made up- funding will come from the Ward Discretionary Budget.
- Grass cutting. This will begin in 2 weeks time.
- Bond Helicopters. Previously Bond Helicopters (new air ambulance) could not land at the skip site helipad. This helipad has now been authorised and 3 sites (skip site, football pitch and Faraid Head) are now available to the Air ambulance.

7. Date of next meeting. Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm.