Minutes of the Meeting of Durness Community Council, Monday 2nd November

at 7.30pm Durness Village Hall.

1. **Present:** Scott Macpherson *Chair*, Anne Mackenzie *Treasurer*, Donald Mitchell *Vice Chair*, Alan Andrews, Cllr. Hugh Morrison, and Sarah Fuller *Secretary.*
2. **Apologies:** Neil Fuller, P.C. George Silcock.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Anne and Donald passed the Minutes of the August meeting. Scott and Anne passed the minutes of the September meeting.

4. **Matters Arising.**

- Puffin Link. This item is to be put back on the Agenda in February.
- M.o.D. There has been no response from the new Liaison officer regarding a date for the next Liaison meeting. The freedom of information Act has been invoked regarding M.o.D. funding to the Highland Council, £5,000 has been received by the H.C. every year since 2009, but has not been allocated to the repair of the Capeside road despite repeated enquiries from the C.C. and Cllr. Morrison.
- Health Board. No issues have been raised.
- Notice Board Map. 3 sites have been identified, Ceannabeinne car park, Sango Car park and Keodale car park. The possibility of adding the walking network map is to be explored. **Action:** Sarah to make up poster asking for interested parties to sign up for further info.

5. **Police Matters.**
   Nothing to report.
6. **Reports.**
   - **D.D.G.**
     An application is to be made to the Ward Discretionary Fund for Youth Worker salaries, in order to keep them in post to the end of the next financial year. Applications have been submitted to the Robertson's Trust and the Henry Duncan Awards for subsequent funding.
   - **N.W.H.Geopark**
     The Geopark A.G.M. is to take place at the Rockstop Café on Saturday 21st November and will be addressed by W.J. Ross, the Chair of S.N.H. The Rockstop will remain open Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun 10am – 4pm until Christmas.
   - **Treasurers Report.**
     C.C. balance is £ 1,932.13. £144 has been paid for Poppy Wreathes and £205 for Hall rental. £450 has been received from website advertising.
   - **North West Sutherland Local Health Partnership (NWSLHP).**
     Nothing to report.

6. **Planning Applications.**

A planning application has been made to make alterations to Sarsgrum House. The C.C. has no objection to the proposals but wish to draw attention to the nearby archaeological features. Action: Sarah to add a comment online.

7. **Remembrance Service.**

   The Minister from Lairg will lead the service; the C.C. will cover his travel expenses. More crosses for the children will need to be ordered for next year.

8. **A.O.B.**

   - Light up a life is to take place on Tuesday 8th December.
   - Alan asked Cllr. Morrison to look into Satelite Broadband providers, as at present they are charging excessive rates for repairs.
   - Halloween Festivities. Thanks go to Phillip Tanzer for organising the Haunted House and children's Halloween Party this year- much fun and frights was had by all.

9. **Date of next meeting.** Monday 7th December at 7.30pm.