

Minutes of the Meeting of Durness Community Council, Monday 6th October at 7.30pm Durness Village Hall.

1. **Present:** Anne Mackenzie *Treasurer*, Eddie Meyer, Scott Macpherson, and Sarah Fuller *Secretary*.
Apologies: Kevin Crowe *Chair*, Donald Mitchell *Vice Chair*, Neil Fuller, Alan Andrews, Cllr. Hugh Morrison, PC Ian Sutherland.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The Minutes of the previous meeting could not be approved, as the meeting was not quorate. The following minutes are for note only.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - Ambulance & Air Ambulance Provision. Laid Residents Assoc. are looking into a possible site for a landing area for the air ambulance.
 - Lynx Bone, Smoo & Borralie Caves. Nothing further to report.
 - Puffin Link. Nothing further to report.
 - Telephone List. A draft of the new list has been produced and will be let in the shop for final alterations before printing.
 - School Playing Field. Nothing further to report.
 - M.o.D. No date has yet been set for the next Liaison Meeting
 - Caution Horse Signs. Now in place.
 - Scottish Water & Smoo Cave. Nothing further to report.
 - Smoo Cave Website. Colin Coventry does not wish to take over the Smoo cave domain name.
 - Bus Shelter. Progress is being made with the possibility of a bus shelter in Scourie as well.
 - Kyle of Durness oyster farm. The C.C. support with caveats has been submitted to the H.C. Planning Dept.
 - Speed restrictions in Laid. Following a meeting with John Thurso M.P. and Laid Residents Assoc, the Residents Assoc. are to write to the H.C. requesting a 40mph speed restriction through Laid.
 - North Highland Way. Nothing further to report.
4. **Reports.**
 - **D.D.G.**
Eriboll Harbour; The Draft Business Case from SKS Scotland is imminent. The next stage will be to raise funds for the development, design and site surveys up to planning permission. Health Hub; Look out for posters advertising the next Taster day. Bard Terrace, the work is now complete and Albyn Enterprises will be advertising the property to rent.
N.W.H.Geopark
Nothing further to report.
 - **Treasurers Report.**
C.C. balance is £ 2250.19p. £873.81 has been received from the H.C.
 - **North West Sutherland Local Health Partnership (NWSLHP).**
Nothing further to report.

- **The North West Sutherland Trust**, Creag Riabhach Wind farm. Neil has submitted the C.C. support to the H.C. Planning Dept.

5. Planning Applications.

There are no planning applications to report.

6. Police Matters.

Nothing to report.

7. Uncollected Refuse in Laid.

The owner of a house that is used as a holiday let (and is therefore classed as a business) has refused to pay for the collection of refuse, so the refuse collectors do not empty the bins. People who rent the house have refused to do anything about the rubbish. The owner of a house that is used as a holiday let (and is therefore classed as a business) has refused to pay for the collection of refuse, so the refuse collectors do not empty the bins. People who rent the house have refused to do anything about the rubbish. This matter has been reported to Environmental health (Protective Services).

8. Remembrance Day.

Kevin has agreed to organise the service again this year. Scott has agreed to renew the bungee cord around the base of the memorial.

9. Publicising the work of the C.C.

To be discussed at the next meeting.

10. A.O.B.

- **Range Notices.** It has been brought to the attention of the C.C. that the Range notices are not being publicised early enough. This will be raised at the next Liaison meeting.
- **White beaked Dolphin.** Scott asked for clarification on the recent stranding's of white beaked dolphin and potential M.o.D. involvement. To be discussed at the next meeting when the relevant people are available.
- **Super Fast Broad band.** Following the laying of fibre optic cable, the questions was raise about the intended availability date. Sarah reported that fallowing recent discussions with H.I.E. this was expected in 2016.
- **Iain Sarjeant.** A letter has been received from Iain Sarjeant, a freelance graphic designer asking to be considered for any future projects.

11. Date of next meeting. Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm.