

SCOURIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th April 2018 at 8.00pm in Scourie Village Hall

**Present:** - Neil MacDonald - Vice-Chair, Alistair Mackay - Treasurer, Julie Allen - Secretary, Vanessa Crowsley, Cllr. Hugh Morrison and Jean MacKay

**Apologies:** - Donald Fisher - Chair, George Leligdowicz, Julian Pearce, PC Frazer Mitchell.

**Minutes of the previous meeting -**

*Approval:* - Due to data loss minutes are not available at this time. Retrieval may be possible in due course.

*Matters arising:* - N/A

**Police Matters:** - N/A

**Highland Council -**

*Planning Applications:* - Nothing new

*Rock fall on A894 north of Kylesku:* - Debris has been cleared; a road sweeper to remove tiny stones would be beneficial to prevent windscreen damage.

*Scourie Play Park:* - Following numerous complaints by local parents, Cllr Morrison requested THC confirm its intentions regarding the future of the play park. Ewan Marsh replied; stating that following a regional inspection the Scourie swings were found defective. The u bolts had seized causing the frame to rotate, which was a safety issue. He went on to say that as yet no decision has been made about the future management of the Council's play parks. Hugh advised to wait for the outcome before offering to take it into community ownership. Parents can email Hugh for forwarding to THC if needed. In the meantime Hugh will ask whether the swing repairs have been costed and when, or indeed if, the work will be completed.

*Scourie Smiddy:* - The building is collapsing, Hugh will find out what the due process is for a dangerous building close to a public road.

*Recently approved cuts to grant-funding for community councils and implications for Scourie:* - Nothing has changed since notification of the cuts; the Ward Discretionary Budget is available if needed to top up the funds back to previous levels. The Vice-Chairman noted that more people on the Community Council are needed to fight the various causes.

*Future Operation of Scourie Public Toilet:* - Hugh suggested inviting Debbie Sutton from THC to S&DCC's June meeting, and also advised to keep going with the petitions and sustain the current levels of publicity and pressure. 2 Banners requesting support for the campaign will be ordered and put up on both sides of the WC.

**Maldie Burn Community Fund:** - 3 Applications have been received

- (i) From SCDC for ongoing projects and day to day running costs - £1000. Approved unanimously.
- (ii) From Scourie Support Group for the pensioners' dinner - £500. Approved unanimously.
- (iii) From West Sutherland Fisheries Trust for tracking sea trout - £2000. Unfortunately this does not fall within the criteria of the scheme and Loch Laxford is outside the geographical boundary, therefore this application had to be declined.

Provisional agreement was given for VHF Radio installation costs and for Banners at Scourie public toilets.

**Scourie Community Development Co. Ltd: -**

- More people are needed on the committee; Neil reported that it hoped to co-opt suitable personnel, creating 2 workgroups to cover the different ongoing projects.

**North West Highlands Geopark Ltd: -** There was nothing to report.

**Scourie Resilience Plan: -** There was nothing to report

**A.O.C.B: -**

Door to door delivery of the Scourie News has ceased. A way forward must be found to deliver paper copies to those who don't take the email version. It was suggested that anyone needing the paper version should notify the editor to reduce the printing and delivery costs.

The public notice board has a defective lock, which has come adrift and needs replacing. Alistair will liaise with George and contact the manufacturer.

**Action Point Review: -** All action points not carried forward below were completed.

**The next meeting is on Monday 28th May 2018 at 8:00pm in Scourie Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 21:20

Action 1	Liaise with Ewan Marsh re the likelihood of swing repairs	Hugh
Action 2	Request a road sweeper for the area affected by recent rock fall	Hugh
Action 3	Notify THC of dangerous state of the Smiddy	Hugh
Action 4	Email Hugh with any parents' concerns re Scourie play park	Julie
Action 5	Explore costs of buying 2 campaign banners for WC petition	Vee
Action 6	Suggest to Editor reducing paper copies of Scourie News	Neil
Action 7	Liaise with George re notice board locks	Alistair
Action 8	Invite Debbie Sutton (THC) to our June meeting to discuss WC	Donald