# SCOURIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 at 8.00pm in Scourie Village Hall

**Present**: - Donald Fisher - Chair, Neil MacDonald - Vice-Chair, Julie Allen - Secretary, Vanessa Crowsley - Treasurer, Julian Pearce and Cllr. Hugh Morrison,

**Apologies**: - George Leligdowicz, Alistair Mackay and Jean MacKay. Members of S&DCC wished Alistair a speedy recovery following his recent accident.

# Minutes of the previous meeting -

Approval: - Proposed by Julie Allen, seconded by Neil MacDonald Matters arising: - None

Police Matters: - Nothing reported

# **Highland Council -**

Planning Applications: - Nothing pertinent.

Proposed Closure of Public Toilets - Public meeting at Kinlochbervie: -

The meeting of the 19th June was discussed and all unanimously agreed it was significant and very important, demonstrating solidarity within the communities on this issue. S&DCC will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure the assurances given materialise and that there are no contradictions and redactions of the promises publicly given. Donald wished to formally endorse the outcome of the meeting which was unanimous condemnation of the proposal and the requirement that the decision is reversed immediately. Margaret Meek has published the minutes and a recording is also available from her on request. In addition she has established a new face-book page to share information and keep up momentum. Julie felt that the combined efforts of the local people who created the petitions, banners and worked to galvanise local and wider support succeeded in joining the communities into one voice. And demonstrated to THC that we will stand up and fight for the services we feel strongly about.

Maldie Burn Community Benefit Fund: - Nothing to report

# **Scourie Community Development Company Limited: -**

Neil reported that (i) transfer of the Shelley collection is progressing well. (ii) New volunteers are required to fill the vacancies on the SCDC committee.

### North West Highlands Geopark Limited: -

Nothing to report

**SCOURIE GALA 2018:** - Donald wished to record that the event reflected so well on the Community and acknowledged the wider attributes it brought with people coming into the area. It was an unqualified success for the local community, raising considerable sums and demonstrated the integrity of the community. This sentiment was echoed by the committee in praising those who undertook the enormous task of organising the event and the work involved.

#### A.O.C.B.

Air ambulance: - Hugh advised that Stephen Gorman (Scottish Ambulance Service) will be bringing a helicopter pilot to the site meeting to identify new landing sites in Durness, KLB & Scourie. Funding assistance is available from the charity 'Help' if needed for site modification. The proposed meeting dates are 24th, 25th or 26th July. Angus MacKay and Andy MacKenzie to be advised.

"Keep Left" signs: - A set of road safety signs for each local community councils is available to site appropriately.

*Grass cutting:* - Hugh has persistently chased for this and hopes that the verge cutting will start soon

*Beach clean:* - A skip must be ordered in due course for disposal of the remaining dumpy bags at Camas an Tairidh. Julian will speak to James Fryer and notify Hugh of a suitable date in due course.

Crash barrier repairs: - Hugh was asked to chase this again.

Scourie public benches: - Neil hopes to start painting soon as they are in desperate need of treatment, Julian has the preserver and thinners ready for the job.

Scourie Resilience plan: - It has been confirmed recently that the new GDPR law applies to all the personal contact details contained in the Scourie Plan. Consent to store and circulate the information has been sought from all concerned.

*Village Entry Signs:* - Donald asked Hugh to chase this up. It has been in process for 5 months without any indication of progress.

*S&DCC g-mail address:* - Julie advised that the email account has disappeared from her mail agent's interface. She will try to retrieve it.

*S&DCC members:* - Following on from the AGM where it became apparent that more members must be co-opted on to the Community Council to avoid abeyance, it was decided that the current committee should try to find a way to induce more people join.

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

The next meeting is on Monday 24th September 2018 at 8:00pm in Scourie Village Hall.

Closed at 21:22

Action 1	Advise Angus & Andy of SAS site meeting dates	Vee
Action 2	Liaise with James Fryer re beach clean and order a skip	Julian
Action 3	Chase crash barrier repairs	Hugh
Action 4	Paint benches	Neil/Julian
Action 5	Co-ordinate GDPR consent for Resilience Plan	Vee
Action 6	Chase village entry signs & smiley face sign	Hugh
Action 7	Retrieve lost g-mail account	Julie
Action 8	Urge local residents to fill the vacancies within S&DCC	All