

Minutes of the meeting of Scourie and District Community Council on 28th January 2019

Present: Neil MacDonald, Julian Pearce, Alistair Mackay, Donald Fisher, Julie Allen, Vee Crowsley

In attendance: Hugh Morrison, Rebecca MacInnes, Jean Mackay

Apologies: George Leligdowicz, PC Mitchell, Allan Cunningham, Gillian Burtwell

Minutes of the last meeting: proposed by Alistair, seconded by Vee

Highland Council:

Swings: it was agreed to buy a wooden frame for the swings, with anchors and mats. The cost will be £1,100. Also agreed to replace the climbing frame with one with an add on option. Funding to be sought locally. Hugh to find out if the council will install the equipment.

Road signs, crash barriers, smiley speed signs: ongoing

Pier Road reinforcement: to be scheduled after the winter

Smiddy: concern was expressed over lack of progress as the building is getting more dangerous. The owner is to demolish and replace, but to date no safety fence has been erected. Hugh to chase up.

Heli pad: awaiting decision from Air Ambulance in Farnborough on potential sites at Rhiconich and the pier road in Scourie

Budget cuts: closure of toilets is not on the list, or cuts to the roads budget.

SCDC Ltd: plans for the Geocentre are progressing. Funding will have to be accessed. Hoping to employ a consultant to progress the plans.

A survey will need to be done to ascertain who is unable to access broadband. Alistair to give details of his contact in HIE for Julian to follow up.

Geopark: the Geopark has made a successful bid to the resilient heritage lottery fund which will secure Laura's job for another year. It will also enable another worker to be employed. Laura returns to work after her maternity leave next month. Funding letters are being sent to 200 charitable trusts. To date this had yielded £6,000. Revalidation takes place this year. The progress reports have been sent off and at some stage 2 experts from other geoparks will come to inspect.

The Rock Stop kitchen is being refurbished for the new season. Staff will be recruited shortly, there will be full and part time positions, as well as relief staff needed. It is a family friendly business and can accommodate staff looking for school time employment or school holidays.

Kyle of Sutherland development trust: awaiting the report from the community consultation. Only 4 people turned up to the workshop.

Defibrillators: Julie to contact George to progress

Maldie Burn Grants: There is £4,787 to distribute. It was agreed to award the school £1,000 towards music tuition expenses, Martial arts club £750 towards hall hire, North West Training Centre £1,000 towards training courses to be held in Scourie, SCDC £1,500 towards rewriting a business plan for the geo centre, SCDC £500 towards insurance (£500 extra to come from next year's allocation.)

AOCB:

Crofters have obtained funding of £40,000 towards extending the path along the peat road.

Dog poo, there is a lot of dog poo from a large dog on the pavement between the hall and the school. The use of webcams was mooted to try and find the culprit. Hugh to provide the phone number of the dog warden so the offender can be reported. It was agreed to put an article in the Scourie News.

Benches, the benches need painting and mending before Easter.

Housing, Hugh to invite someone to come and speak about allocation, policy and to advise on how we use the results of the housing needs survey.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th February at 7.30pm in Scourie Village Hall.

All action points not carried forward below were completed

<u>Action</u>	<u>Person responsible</u>
HC installation of swings	Hugh
HIE contact to Julian	Alistair
Defibrillators	Julie and George
Dog warden phone number	Hugh
Scourie news article, dog poo	Neil
Mend and paint benches	Julian/Neil
Invite HC housing rep to meeting	Hugh
Smiddy safety barriers	Hugh
Village signs and smiley faces	Hugh