

Scourie and District Community Council

Draft Minutes from meeting held on 29th April 2019 at 7:30.p.m in Scourie Village Hall

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

In attendance: Geopark Rep Jean Mackay, Allan Cunningham, Rebecca MacInnes

Apologies: George Leligdowicz, PC Frazer Mitchell

Minutes of last meeting: Approved by Alistair Mackay, Seconded by Julie Allen.

Action Points from last meeting:

Action	Person/s responsible
Defibrillators	Julie/Neil - Ongoing
Council Tax record for Ali Kays Shop	Hugh – Completed
Village signs / smiley faces	Hugh - Ongoing
Crash barriers	Hugh - Ongoing
Dial a bus / taxi	Hugh - Ongoing
HC contact for objection to Planning to be emailed around.	Vee - Completed
Approach Crofter's Commission re planning of 2 new builds	Neil - Completed
KOSDT Survey results tbc - put date in Scourie News	Neil - Ongoing
Speak to THC re Installation of swings	Hugh - Ongoing
Approach Alan Jones re-funding for playpark / possibilities	Neil / Julie-not necessary
List for Donald to take to HC	Neil - Completed
Reconcile resilience fund after radios purchased	Vee - Ongoing
Purchase Gifts from Aileen & James	Julie - Ongoing

Highland Council

S&DCC can purchase a Smiley Face for £1400 (+ Vat), through John Allen at HC. We have asked to proceed with purchase immediately. The Highland Council have sourced one Smiley Face (without bracket). Neil has agreed to fabricate a bracket. S&DCC need to identify posts for North and South before Smiley Faces arrive. The Scourie Entrance signs and barriers are still outstanding.

New contracts are approaching for the 'Dial a Bus' service. This is a subsidised system and has proved to be successful in areas which it is already running. This will be contracted out for people to tender. Julie will see what options are available at the moment in this area and coordinate our requirement.

The owner of the Smiddy has taken down the roof and tided up around the area. Hugh is trying to get in touch with the owner of the house next door.

A survey has taken place down the Pier road for the Helipad. Rhiconich area has been ruled out.

It was agreed we would delay the Housing Officer coming up to visit until later in the year.

Scourie Lodge has a Planning application in to change use of the Lodge to a Restaurant.

S&DCC sent out an email regarding the planning for the two houses at the Hall. The planning is only in principle, so when it is in for full planning S&DCC will have to send a further email expressing their concerns.

Scourie Community Development Company

Neil spoke to Rachel Skene (HIE) and gave her an update on SCDC. Scottish Land Fund are holding a 'Land Fund' week in August to celebrate groups that have bought land. This will hopefully be steps to bring the centre closer.

The path work is going ahead through the Grazings committee and funding has been sourced.

SCDC would like to do another phase on the pier but will have to identify funding.

A press release will be put out in May regarding the Shelley Collection.

Neil will attend the UK Global Geopark Network meeting on 9th May. He will show them the proposed site for the Centre and the Shelley Collection.

NW Highland Geopark

The Business Transformation Officer has been appointed to Joanne Clark, to work one day a week.

The Geopark have lots of staff this season and business is going well.

Cllr Richard Gale - Chair of Highland Council's Sutherland County Committee

Cllr Gale would like to invite all Community Councils to Scourie Village on on 20th May between 6:30.p.m and 8.p.m.

Playpark

Julie, Vee and Rebecca met at the Playpark to measure the size for equipment. The equipment will be approx. 6k, plus the groundworks which we are still waiting a quote.

It was agreed for the balance left in the Maldie fund of £2480 to be put towards the playpark costs.

Julie will price the total cost of project and inform Hugh, as he may be able to source funds for the balance.

AOCB

- The Post Office closing in the village has been a huge loss to the area. It was agreed for the S&DCC to write to the Area Manager of the PO and express our concerns. Julie will also go and speak to Ellen and offer our support, to see if there is anything we can help with.
- S&DCC received the invoice for the hire of the Hall. The invoice includes all the hires for the year but S&DCC never had a meeting every month and forgot to cancel the booking. It was agreed that Julie would inform Pete Tuck of the meetings to avoid confusion going forward.
- It was agreed there would be a S&DCC meeting in May, June, September and will then continue monthly.

- Neil will ask Elizabeth from Grosvenor Estate to audit S&DCC accounts.

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Investigate current transport options for 'Dial a Bus'.	Julie
Price total cost of Playpark project and inform Hugh	Julie

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th May 2019 at 8.p.m

Meeting closed: 21:30