

SCOURIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
*MINUTES* of meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 8.00pm in Scourie Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mr Donald Fisher (Chairperson), Mr George Leligdowicz (Secretary), Alistair Mackay (Treasurer), Mrs Myra Brauer, Mr Angus Mackay, Mr Julian Pearce.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Neil MacDonald (Vice-Chairperson), Mr Graham McCarthy, Mr Anthony O'Flaherty  
Cllr. George Farlow.

**COPY:** Cllr L Munro, Cllr H Morrison, Mr A Mackay, Mr A Wood, Dr J Balfour

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Acceptance proposed by Alistair Mackay and seconded by Myra Brauer.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Birdhide assessment and costing of work ongoing. Work in connection with alterations to S&DCC notice board in Scourie is still ongoing.

**SCOURIE JUBILEE PARTY:** Julian Pearce reported back on the success of the Jubilee party held at the Scourie campsite. Total expenses for the party came to £226.37. Donations from local businesses and individuals, towards the costs, came to £140.00 The shortfall of £86.37 would be met by the Community Council.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Julian Pearce's Family for organising the party and the MacKenzie Family for use of the Scourie campsite. It was agreed that the bunting, flags, etc. would be offered to the primary school.

**SCOURIE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY:** Angus Mackay briefed the meeting as to progress on projects and ongoing matters.

**Scourie Pier:** Work on the pier is now completed. Only outstanding items are pier signage and picnic benches.

**Scourie playing field changing rooms:** The issue of the lease for the land is still ongoing. There will be an application for funding once the lease issue is resolved.

There will then be an application for charitable status to encompass the project, which should then take approx three months to complete.

**SCOURIE NEWS:** There was a discussion concerning the purchase of a new up-to-date computer system to continue publication of the monthly Scourie News on a more sustainable basis. Alasdair Wood (Scourie News Editor) had proposed sharing the cost with the Community Council, with the other option being an outright purchase by the Community Council. It was agreed to discuss both options at a later date with Alasdair Wood. Meanwhile, it was agreed to give the go-ahead for Alasdair to arrange for the purchase of a suitable system. There is funding in place towards the cost of a new computer via the recent successful "Awards For All" application.

**DOG FOULING:** An email was read from a Scourie resident complaining about dog fouling in the village. This issue has been raised previously when an article appeared in the Scourie News highlighting the dog fouling in the village. It was agreed that this is a serious matter, caused by a minority of irresponsible dog owners and advice would be taken as to how best to deal with the problem. It was agreed that another article, concerning dog fouling, should appear in the Scourie News in the meantime.

**A:O:B:**

**Tourism Publications:** Angus Mackay had obtained a tourism leaflet entitled "Essential guide to the best of North & West. Top attractions in Caithness & Sutherland", dated March 2012 and there was no mention of Scourie or the surrounding attractions in this leaflet. It was agreed that George Leligdowicz would write to the publishers highlighting this omission.

**Mains Water Supply:** Alistair Mackay informed the meeting that the mains water pressure at Scouriemore was very low, causing safety concerns in some instances (eg. when using hot water showers). It was agreed that Alistair would contact Scottish Water in the first instance. The Community Council would intervene if he failed to get a satisfactory response.

**Planning:** A notified planning application for a new dwellinghouse at Scouriemore was brought up. Angus Mackay, declaring an interest in this application, left the room whilst it was discussed. It was agreed that due to the poor mains water pressure at Scouriemore, a letter would be drafted to the Highland Council Planning Dept. stating that it was the considered view of Scourie & District Community Council that another dwellinghouse would further add to this problem if it is not first rectified by Scottish Water.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 8.00pm