

SCOURIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 8.00pm in Scourie Village Hall

Present: - Donald Fisher - Chair, Neil MacDonald - Vice-Chair, Alistair Mackay - Treasurer, Julian Pearce, Vanessa Crowsley, Cllr. Hugh Morrison, Jean MacKay and PC Frazer Mitchell

Apologies: - Julie Allen - Secretary and George Leligdowicz.

Minutes of the previous meeting -

Approval: - Proposed by Neil MacDonald and seconded by Alistair MacKay.

Matters arising: - None

Police: - Donald introduced PC Mitchell to S&DCC and welcomed him to the area.

Highland Council -

Planning Applications: - None

Big Drain: - Cllr Morrison reported that he had requested THC to clear the drain, but it is uncertain whether this was done; intervention by local residents to unblock the drain was required 3 times in the last fortnight. He will make enquiries as to how the problem can be resolved in the long term.

Storm Caroline 7th December: - Tarbet car park is still strewn with storm debris including a dead seal and dolphin. Harbour Road, Scourie is in danger of being undermined at the end of the parapet. Cllr Morrison will chase/raise these items with THC.

Roads: - Numerous potholes have opened up over the winter months and roadside salt stacks have not yet been deployed beside some hills. Surface water is still a big problem despite notification to THC several times. Cllr Morrison will chase this again and in addition notify the Roads Department of the potholes and the lack of roadside salt deposits.

Ward Manager's Post: - Garry Cameron is moving to another department. Phillip Tomlin will take up the role full time on 1st April.

New Village Entry Signs: - Cllr Morrison spoke to Graham MacKenzie in December and will chase this again with a view to installation by Easter.

Maldie Burn Community Fund: - £6760.94 has been received for this year and applications will be invited for April.

Scourie Community Development Co. Ltd: - Progress is ongoing in respect to Geo-Centre planning. The AGM will be held in February when it is hoped more people will join the committee. It is hoped that the Scourie path network can be extended.

North West Highlands Geopark Ltd: - Jean MacKay reported that the AGM was successful with 3 new Directors elected. Additional signage, designed to highlight the Rock Route Panels is proving expensive. The Rock Stop Cafe is opening at Easter, the disabled toilet needs upgrading and funding must be sought for this. A New virtual reality exhibit will be added to the exhibition and should be ready in time for the new season starting.

North West Sutherland Community Council Forum: - The next meeting is due in March. MP Jamie Stone will be pursued regarding his commitment to achieve recognition for super-sparsity in the North West and the problems this creates.

2018 Follow the Money: - Cllr J McGillivray wants Community Council's to identify local Capital Investment by THC and advise him accordingly. He is correlating evidence to prove disproportionate spending on the Inverness area. On reflection it was noted that the last successful capital project in Scourie was creation of the Football Pitch 20 years ago. The only other spend was creating the woefully inadequate nursery school, which was money wasted due to bad design. Donald will be emailed by councillors of any areas identified as a priority for capital investment

Scottish Ambulance Service/Patient Transport.

Questions for the upcoming meeting must be submitted in advance. Donald will formulate questions regarding (i) the service's provision of just one vehicle for the entire North and West and (ii) solo crews on ambulances. In addition the parking problem at Raigmore was also discussed and will be raised if appropriate.

"Around Scourie" Booklet: - This will be deferred until next autumn.

Scourie Resilience Plan: - The Table Top exercise by Stephen Mardon has been arranged for 12th February at 18:30 in Scourie Village Hall. Vee will publicize the event.

Mackay Country Trust - Robb Donn Trail: - Ronnie Lansley is seeking feedback on the display board information for Scourie. Donald recently forwarded the email to S&DCC members for comment and Ronnie would like some help with historical information. Julian suggested asking in the Scourie News for answers and Alistair will email Donald with any information he knows.

A.O.C.B.

The bonfire site and harbour need tidying; Cllr Morrison will request a skip at the Pier Road for a beach clean.

Festive lights: - Sockets were not fitted to the designated lamp-posts in time for Christmas 2017. They must be done now before budget cuts. Cllr Morrison will follow this up.

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

The next meeting is on Monday 29th February 2018 at 8:00pm in Scourie Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:45

Action 1	Chase THC re offlets, storm repairs, salt heaps, pot holes, Scourie entry signs & big drain clearance.	Hugh
Action 2	Advise Hugh of location of pot holes for filling.	All
Action 3	Notify Donald of priority areas requiring capital investment	All
Action 4	Publicize Scourie Resilience meeting.	Vee
Action 5	Put local history questions for Ronnie in Scourie News	Neil
Action 6	Email Donald with answers to Ronnie's history questions	Alistair
Action 7	Chase installation of festive lighting sockets.	Hugh