

19th February, 1947.

E. W. Brannen, Esq.,
County Architect,
Carnegie Buildings,
Dornoch.

Dear Mr. Brannen,

I have been asked by the County Clerk to give an estimate for certain repairs required to the sluice keeper's house at The Mound. Although this is purely a road matter would you kindly help me by having a look at the house and supplying a rough estimate of the actual repairs required. I enclose herewith letter from the sluice keeper.

Yours faithfully,

E. Closure.

County Road Surveyor.

COPY

The Mound,
Sutherland

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County Clerk,
Sutherland County Council,
Golspie.

Sir,

With regard to alterations required to the Sluice:
keeper's house at the Mound tenanted by me, I am much
perturbed by the delay in carrying out of same. The
alterations in question were passed by the County Council
over two years ago and are urgently required.

I have been in the house for fourteen years and not
a single repair has been carried out.

I wish the question of repairs and improvements to
the house to be brought to the notice of the County
Council at your earliest possible moment as I feel very
strongly over this matter.

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) William Mackay,
Sluicekeeper

copy from Sutherland Clerk

The Mound,

Sutherland.

15th February, 1947.

Copy.

The County Clerk,
Sutherland County Council,
Golspie.

Dear Sir,

I hereby make application to the Council for a new floor to be laid in the kitchen of the sluice keeper's house tenanted by me. The present floor is composed of Caithness flags and it is impossible to keep floor covering on owing to the uneven condition.

I also make application for a wash house to be installed as there is no wash house facilities and the washing of clothes, etc., has to be carried out in the open. I would respectfully point out that the erection of a wash house was granted just immediately prior to the war but owing to hostilities this work was not carried out, but, now that hostilities have ceased.

I will be much obliged if my application will receive favourable consideration.

I am, Sirs,

Your Obedient Servant,

William MacKay,

Sluice Keeper.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

EDWARD W. BRANNEN,

L.R.I.B.A. AND F.R.I.A.S

ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE - DORNOCH 31.

ENC.

County Architects' Office,

Carnegie Buildings,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

6th March 1947.

W. Sutherland Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound, Dornoch.

I thank you for your letter of 19th ultimo regarding above and will certainly give all help I can in this matter.

I shall send on a brief specification and estimate of cost. You will understand that if we lift the Caithness flags on floor only cement concrete is allowed to replace same.

Yours faithfully,



Architect to the L.A.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

EDWARD W. BRANNEN

L.R.I.B.A. & M.R.SAN.I.

ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE • DORNOCH 31

County Architect's Office,

Carnegie Buildings,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

10th March 1947.

W. Sutherland Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

ENC.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound.

I enclose herewith Plan and copies of Specifications and Schedules of Quantities for work at the above house.

I suggest you give Schedules to -

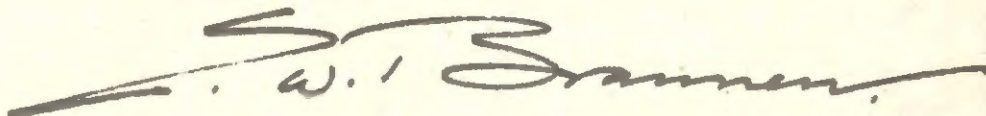
Mason Work	- James Sutherland, Golspie.
Carpenter Work	- J & J Nicol, Golspie
	- Alex. Wiseman, do.
Plumber Work	- A. Sutherland, do.

The tubs are at present in the latter's store. These came out of Ross House, Dornoch and they are at least £14 per set now.

If you ^{wish} ~~will~~ I can supervise the work.

Letter dated 15th ultimo from Mr. Mackay is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,



Architect to the L.A.

Ref:- PRK/JG.A/S/5.

20th June, 1950.

E. W. Brannen, Esq.,
County Architect,
Carnegie Buildings,
D O R N O C H.

Dear Mr. Brannen,

Sluice Keeper's House - The Mound.

You were good enough to give me a brief specification and an estimate for the above house early in 1947.

The Council have now agreed to proceed with the repairs, but, I am of the opinion that the prices in the enclosed estimates will be rather low. Can you kindly let me have the prices ruling for this type of work.

I enclose your schedule of Quantities for Mason, Carpenter, and Plumber work.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosures.

County Road Surveyor.

A. J. MACRAE.

COUNTY CLERK.

Telephone Nos. 92 & 93.

County Clerk's Office,

Golspie

RM/WM

12th June, 1950.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound

I refer to the application submitted by Mr. William Mackay, Sluice Keeper, The Mound, regarding repairs and improvements urgently required to his house.

Will you please obtain estimates for the necessary work required in order that I may submit them to the Ministry of Transport for their approval.

I am,
Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

Ref:- WS/JG.A/S/6.

4th August, 1950.

A. J. MacRae, Esq.,
County Clerk,
G o l s p i e.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House - The Mound.

With reference to your copy letter from the Ministry of Transport forwarded to me, re improvements to be undertaken at the Sluice Keeper's House, I have now got in touch with the County Architect, and he informs me that the cost, excluding a bath, will be £ 300.

I think the most advisable thing to do, will be to meet the County Architect at the house, the next time Mr. Dakers is in the North, and details of the actual improvements could then be gone into.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE - DORNOCH 31

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County Architect's Office,

Carnegie Buildings,

Dornoch, Sutherland

1st. August, 1950.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keepers House, The Mound.

The necessary work to improve the above house to make it in
all respects fit for habitation would cost approximately £300.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Brannen,

County Architect. *E.W.B.*

For information and attention.

COPY

Ministry of Transport,
Highways (Engineering),
Scotland Division,
21 Castle Terrace,
EDINBURGH, 1.

Our Ref. RDZ/210/346/50
Your Ref. RM/WM

30th June, 1950.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound

I refer to your letter of 13th instant in respect of repairs required to the above building and shall be glad if you will submit details of the estimated cost of the works.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. A. Burnett.

Divisional Road Engineer.

The County Clerk,
County Clerk's Office,
Golspie,
Sutherlandshire.

CWC/MHC.

C o p y.

County Architect's Office,
Carnegie Buildings,
D o r n o c h.

Ref:- EWB/SGM.

21st February, 1951.

Walter Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
B r o r a.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House - The Mound.

I inspected the above house some time ago and to modernise it the following works require to be carried out:-

1. The Caithness flag flooring removed and cement concrete laid, if possible this should be covered with asphalt.
2. Scullery Wash-house with tub and sink and bathroom provided. This should be brick built with corrugated asbestos roof.
3. It would be advisable to renew fireplace in Kitchen and instal a hot water circulation.

I estimate the cost of these works at £650.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) E. W. BRANNEN.

County Architect.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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EWB/SGM.

Walter Sutherland Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

*County Architect's Office,
Carnegie Buildings,*

Dornoch, Sutherland.

12th March 1951.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound.

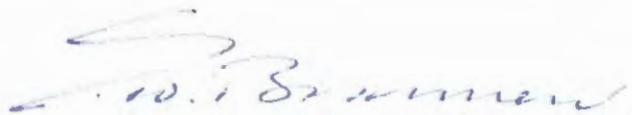
I have given further consideration to your letter of 20th June 1950 in regard to the above house.

In view of the present standard of new houses in the County I am of opinion that the Sluice Keeper's house ~~sh~~ould be brought up to modern standard.

I have prepared Plan shewing additional accommodation of bedroom, bathroom and scullery. You will note by the Plan that the artistic design of the Cottage has been retained. The reason for increasing height of house is that as the situation of this house is so near the railway I would be afraid to cut into the railway embankment to erect a bathroom and scullery at the back of the house.

If you approve of the Plan tenders could be obtained and the total cost confirmed.

Yours faithfully,



County Architect.

RM/WM

Golspie 20th March, 1951.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

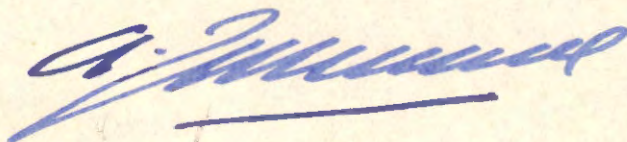
Sluice-keeper's House, The Mound

I have to refer to your letter of 22nd ultimo, in connection with the improvements required to the sluice-keeper's house at The Mound.

On receipt of your letter, I took up the matter with the Ministry of Transport, who have now replied that the matter is having attention but, as there seems to be some doubt as to whether the Minister did carry out his intention to take over the sluice-keeper's house under a formal Agreement with the County Council under Section 7 (3) of the Trunk Roads Act, 1936, there may be some delay before a decision can be made.

Will you please let me have your observations on the statement received from the Ministry of Transport.

I am,
Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

Your Ref:- RM/WM.
Ref:- WS/JG.A/S/5.

27th March, 1951.

A. J. MacEae, Esq.,
County Clerk,
G o l s p i e.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound.

I received your letter of the 20th inst., together with copy letter received from the Divisional Road Engineer.

When the Ministry took over the Trunk Road under the Trunk Road Act, it was decided to maintain the operation of the sluices at The Mound, which necessitated the appointment of a sluice keeper to operate the sluices. It was then decided that the house should also be taken over to house the sluice keeper, and this would probably have been carried out by Mr. Argo and the Ministry of Transport.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

COPY

Ministry of Transport,
21 Castle Terrace,
EDINBURGH, 1.

RDZ/210/346/50

15th May, 1951.

Dear Sir,

London-Edinburgh-Thurso Trunk Road A9
Operation of Sluices at The Mound
Sluice Operator's Cottage

With reference to your letter dated 28th February, 1951, there appears to be some doubt as to whether the Agreement under section 7(3) of the 1936 Trunk Roads Act, whereby the Minister would accept any future liability for the maintenance and operation of the sluices provided that the old bridge structure carrying the sluices and the cottage were transferred back to him, was in fact ever completed, although we have in fact accepted maintenance charges in respect of the sluices and cottage since the construction of the new bridge. This point is being looked into.

As to the works proposed on the cottage, it is regretted that we are not in a position to contemplate spending a sum of £650, or thereabouts, on improving the living standards of the dwelling, and expenditure should be confined to day to day maintenance as is necessary to maintain the fabric of the building in a good state.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. A. Burnett.

Divisional Road Engineer.

The County Clerk,
County Clerk's Office,
Golspie,
Sutherland.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

DIVISIONAL ROAD ENGINEER (SCOTLAND)

Telegraphic Address : "Roadbound, Edinburgh"

Telephone No. : Edinburgh 32567—3 lines

Any further communications should be addressed to :—

The Divisional Road Engineer

Address as opposite

and the following reference quoted :—

Our Reference RDZ/210/346/50

Your Reference is



21 CASTLE TERRACE,

EDINBURGH, 1

2nd June, 1951.

Dear Sir,

London-Edinburgh-Thurso Trunk Road A9
Operation of Sluices at The Mound

*On the
chart for
darker
11/10/1878*

In connection with the transfer to the Minister of Transport of the sluice-keeper's house and the old bridge and sluices at The Mound, the preparation of a formal agreement is now in hand and in this connection it would be necessary to have shown on a plan the actual area of the sluice-keeper's house and garden and the full extent of the old bridge and the two brick buildings on either side of the bridge which house the sluice operating gear.

I am enclosing herewith a print which shows the house and bridge and I shall be obliged if you will mark on it accurately the area of the garden referred to above. It will be assistance if you also mark on the actual dimension of each side of the garden boundary.

Will you please indicate by colour, or some such means, the full extent of the old bridge and also give the dimensions of the two small houses containing the sluice operating gear. I do not know whether these two houses are on County Council land, but perhaps you will let us have any information you may have on this point. There is also the question of access to these two houses

/and

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
Brora.

JASD/MO.

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A. J. MACRAE,
COUNTY CLERK.

County Clerk's Office,

Telephone Nos. 92 & 93.

RM/WM

Golspie

6th June, 1951.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

London-Edinburgh-Thurso Trunk Road A 9
Operation of Sluices at the Mound
Sluice Operator's Cottage

I enclose herewith for your information and observations copy letter dated 15th ultimo received from the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport, Edinburgh, in connection with repairs required at the sluice-operator's cottage at The Mound.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

A. Macrae

County Clerk.

Your Ref:- RDZ/210/346/50.
Ref:- WS/JG.A/S/5.

11th June, 1951.

J. A. Burnett, Esq.,
Divisional Road Engineer,
Ministry of Transport,
21 Castle Terrace,
Edinburgh, 1.

Dear Sir,

London-Edinburgh-Thurso Trunk Road A.9. Operation of Sluices at the Mound.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd June regarding the preparation of a form of agreement for the transfer of the sluice keeper's house to the Ministry of Transport, I have now investigated the matter and have the following observations to make.

I interviewed Mr. Adam, factor for the Duke of Sutherland, and he has kindly given me the Feu Charter, ~~from~~ which I have copied the enclosed tracing showing the dimensions of the feu. I have also marked on your drawing the actual details of the feu.

The feu has been granted by George Granville William Sutherland Leveson Gower, Duke & Earl of Sutherland, to the Road Trustees of the County of Sutherland, and is dated 11th October, 1887, the feu being 30/-d.

The small erection containing the sluice operating gear on the Northside is on ground belonging to the Duke of Sutherland, and I am of the opinion that the one on the Southside is on County Council ground, as I have been informed by the sluice keeper that the roadway and the Mound on the sea side is County Council land, the proprietor at the Mound having only the right to shoot over it.

I have marked on your print the dimensions of the feu which the sluice keeper says belongs to the County Council, and you should/

J. A. Burnett, Esq.

11th June, 1951.

should observe that these measurements are in some instances larger than the plan on the feu charter. The sluice keeper's house is also not properly set out on the plan.

The buildings for the operating gear are stone built and 11' 6" x 10' 6", and there is an opening in the wall for access to these premises.

I have indicated on the plan in colour the full extent of the old bridge.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosures.

County Road Surveyor.

Enc.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

A. J. MACRAE,
COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk's Office,

Golspie

27th February, 1953

M/CC

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

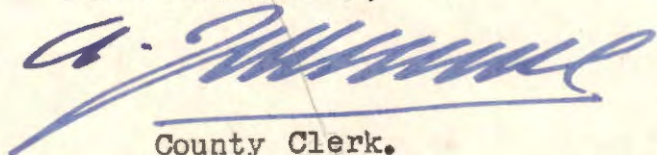
Sluice-keeper's House, The Mound

With reference to the proposal to convey the above subjects to the Ministry of Transport I shall be glad to know whether you have yet re-checked all the measurements required for insertion in the Title and plans.

I have in my office here two plans, one showing the area of the cottage and garden ground and the other showing the bridge structure and two small buildings on either side of the river housing the sluice operating gear and I suggest that before inspecting the subjects you call at my office for these plans.

As I am being pressed by the Ministry's agents to have this matter completed I shall be glad if you will arrange to inspect the subjects at an early date in company with, if possible, the Factor or Ground Officer of Sutherland Estates.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

WS/WM

11th June, 1953.

J. A. Burnett, Esq.,
Divisional Road Engineer,
Ministry of Transport,
21 Castle Terrace,
EDINBURGH.

Dear Sir,

Sluice-Keeper's House, The Mound

The repair works to the Sluice-keeper's house at The Mound were carried out during the financial year ending 15th May last, as detailed on Form T.R. 117(b) which accompanied your letter of 26th August last to the County Clerk.

The total sum of £148:15: 3d. is expenditure on the whole works and I will include this sum in the final requisition on Trunk Road for the year ending 15th May last.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

Our ref:- WS/JC.

19th August, 1955.

J. A. Burnett, Esq.,
Divisional Road Engineer (Scotland),
Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation,
Government Buildings,
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,
EDINBURGH, 11.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed by the Sluicekeeper at the Mound that repairs are necessary to the sewage pipe at his house. He also states that firedlay bricks and a boiler is necessary for the (Nu-heater) stove.

Could you kindly give me permission to carry out the necessary repairs to the sewage and procure the bricks and boiler.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION

DIVISIONAL ROAD ENGINEER (SCOTLAND)

Telegraphic Address: "Roadbound, Edinburgh."

Telephone No.: CRAiglockhart 4010.

Any further communications should be addressed to:—

The Divisional Road Engineer

Address as opposite

and the following reference quoted:—

Our reference RDZ 210/346/52

Your reference is WS/JC



GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHTHILL,
EDINBURGH, 11.

27th August, 1955

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at The Mound

With reference to your letter of 19th August, I should be obliged if you would let me have a detailed estimate (in duplicate) of the cost of the proposed repairs, after which early consideration will be given to the question of approval of the expenditure involved.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Burnett
Divisional Road Engineer.

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

MKM/RMF

CJM/JC.

28th September, 1955.

E. W. Brannen, Esq.,
County Architect,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at The Mound.

The Sluicekeeper has informed me of some repairs necessary to the sewage pipe at his house. He also states that some fireclay bricks and a boiler are required for his "Nu-heater" stove.

Before permission for the expenditure can be granted the Ministry of Transport has asked for a detailed estimate of the cost of repairs. I would be grateful if you could contact the Sluicekeeper and let me have a detailed estimate.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

EDWARD W. BRANNEN,

L.R.I.B.A. AND F.R.I.A.S.

ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE - DORNOCH ~~31~~ 231

ENC.

JBV/JB/SCC

County Architect's Office,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

5th October, 1955.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House at the Mound.

I refer to your letter of 28th September regarding the above. An estimate of the cost of repairs is being prepared and I shall let you have this as soon as possible.

With regard to the provision of a boiler for the Nu-Heather stove, the Sluice Keeper wants a complete hot water installation, bathroom and scullery.

I believe such a proposal has already been before the Ministry but should you wish to put it forward again I shall have plans prepared and an estimate made.

Please let me know whether this should be done.

Yours faithfully,

P.B. Yate

Depute County Architect.

*Estimate - for boiler & house
only.*

SLUICE KEEPERS HOUSE & GARDEN

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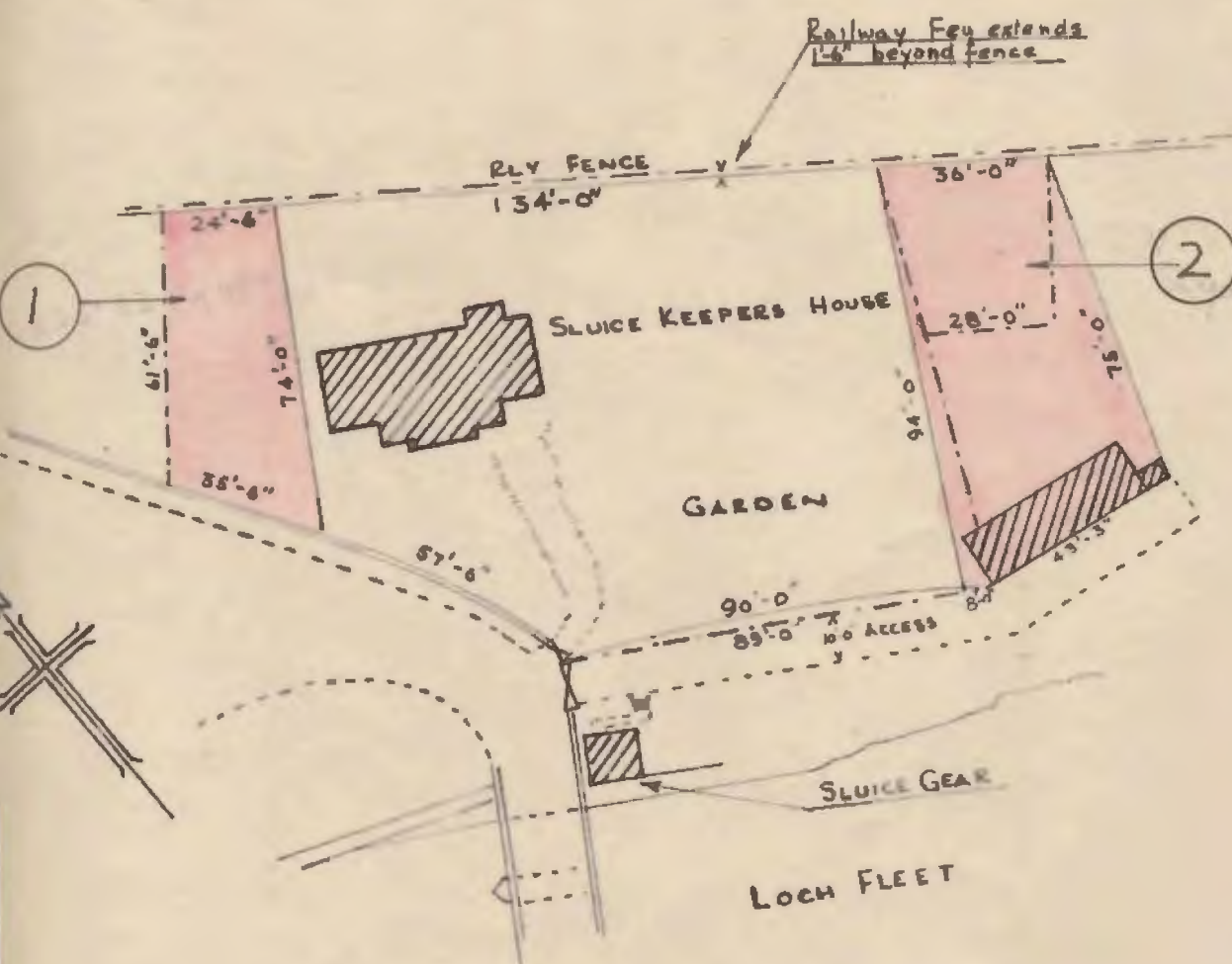
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PLOT NO 2

409.35 Sq Yds



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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION

DIVISIONAL ROAD ENGINEER (SCOTLAND)

Telegraphic Address: "Roadbound, Edinburgh."

Telephone No.: CRAiglockhart 4010.

Any further communications should be addressed to:—

The Divisional Road Engineer

Address as opposite

and the following reference quoted:—

Our reference RDZ/210/346/52

Your reference is CJN/JC



GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHTHILL,

EDINBURGH, 11.

27th December, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound

I refer to your letter of the 14th November, 1955, and the estimate enclosed therewith of the cost of the proposed repairs at the above dwellinghouse.

It is agreed that these repairs may be carried out at an estimated cost of £24. 10.- and the expenditure should be charged to the appropriate trunk road maintenance account.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Jones
Divisional Road Engineer

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

EDWARD W. BRANNEN,

L.R.I.B.A. AND F.R.I.A.S.

ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE - DORNOCH ~~20~~ 231

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W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

County Architects' Office,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

11th November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound.

Referring to my letter dated 5th ultimo, I have examined minor repairs requested by Mr Mackay, the Sluice Keeper, and submit herewith an approximate estimate of the cost.

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|---|------------|
| (1) Renew lead trap and waste pipe from sink..... | £ 7: 5: 0d |
| (2) Repair broken fireclay sewer pipe and to be replaced in
C.I. pipe..... | £15: 0: 0d |
| (3) Renew the back firebrick in "Nu-Heather" range..... | £ 2: 5: 0d |

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Brannen

County Architect. *P.*

SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT,
(Roads Division),
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,
EDINBURGH, 11.

21st January, 1957.

Dear County Clerk,

Sluicemaker's House at The Mound

I refer to your letter of 9th January and to previous correspondence about this matter, on which I am sorry not to have sent an earlier reply.

You will remember that when we took over ^{from} the Ministry of Transport your Council had signed an Agreement under section 7(3) of the Trunk Roads Act, 1936, but the Agreement had not been executed by the Ministry, who at that stage raised the question of payment of feu duty.

We have now gone through all the rather tangled history of this matter and have obtained legal advice. That advice is to the effect that since the sluices serve not only that part of the road which was "detrunked" but the whole of the existing trunk road in the area, the liability to operate and maintain the sluices, together with the land which (prior to the "trunking") was vested in the County Council for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of the sluices was unaffected by the "detrunking" of the small length of road and remained vested in the Minister of Transport as highway authority for the trunk road. It follows, therefore, that there is no need for an agreement under section 7(3) (in reverse) transferring these things back to the Secretary of State.

On the basis of this advice we consider that the best way to proceed now is as follows:-

1. As regards the land formerly owned by the Council, i.e. the land coloured pink on your plan dated 16. 11.55, and presumably the sites of the buildings containing the sluice-gear and of the sluices themselves, including right of access thereto, there is no need for any conveyance to the Secretary of State, but his statutory title should be recorded in the Register of Sasines by means of a "notice of title";
2. As regards the area coloured blue on the plan, we should negotiate direct with the proprietor for a lease or feu of it in the ordinary way;
3. The position having been thus regularised your Council should, as the Secretary of State's agents, meet the costs of the upkeep of the house and sluice gates and the wages of the sluice-keeper, the costs to be charged to your trunk road maintenance account, as hitherto.

4./

The County Clerk,
County Clerk's Office,
GOLSPIE.

Tel.: CRAiglockhart 4010.

Extm.....

Telegrams: Roadbound, Edinburgh.

Any further communications, postage on which must be prepaid, should be addressed to:—

THE SECRETARY,
at the address given opposite, and the following number should be quoted:—

RDZ/210/346/52

Your ref.....

Dear Sir,



SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT

(ROADS DIVISION),

BANKHEAD AVENUE,

SIGHTHILL,

EDINBURGH, 11.

12th March, 1957.

Trunk Road A.9
Sluice-Keeper's House at the Mound

I refer to the County Clerk's letter of 18th February, 1956, and the plan enclosed therewith on which was shown two areas of land coloured blue which it is now intended to acquire as indicated in the Department's letter of the 21st January, 1957 addressed to the County Clerk.

In order that the process of acquisition may be put in hand I should be obliged if you would let me have seven copies of this plan together with six copies of the reference schedule (trunk road Form 138). The two areas to be conveyed should be coloured pink in the plans but other areas should not be coloured.

A dozen copies of blank forms T.R. 138 are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

L. Burns
for Chief Road Engineer.

The County Surveyor,
Sutherland County Council,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

MJM/HFC.

NORTHERN AREA.



Church Street,
Dingwall.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD

OUR REF.

YOUR REF.

ACH/DR/V.17.

23rd April, 1957.

Mr. Wm. Mackay,
Post Office,
The Mound,
S U T H E R L A N D.

Dear Sir,

Enquiry No. 15372.

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Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, as this offer will have to be tied up with our proposals to British Railways.

Yours faithfully,
for the NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD,

Area Commercial Officer.

30th April, 1957.

Scottish Home Department,
(Roads Division),
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,
EDINBURGH, 11.

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Sluice Keeper's House at The Mound.

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It would be advantageous if I could have your views on this matter as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

Encls.

RD2/210/346/52

R/A15

IS/TWS

24th July, 1957.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound

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The County Clerk,
County Offices,
Golspie,
Sutherland.

Extn.....

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RDZ/210/348/52

Your ref. WS/JC/B/S5



SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT
(ROADS DIVISION),
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHTHILL,
EDINBURGH, 11.

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Sluicekeeper's House

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Supply of Electricity to Sluicekeeper's House
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Regarding other improvements to the sluicekeeper's house I enclose for your information, a copy of a letter which I have to-day addressed to the County Clerk.

Yours faithfully,

A. McKinnon
for Chief Road Engineer.

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
Brora.

COPY

SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT,
(ROADS DIVISION),
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHT HILL,
EDINBURGH. 11.

RDZ 210/346/52.
RM/MM/R/A.15.

4th December, 1958.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound

I refer to your letter and enclosure of the 27th November and note that the improvements are progressing satisfactorily.

Regarding the request made by the Sluicekeeper for artificial lighting to be installed, it is agreed that five calor gas lighting points may be installed as recommended by the County Architect.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) - Morris.

for Chief Road Engineer.

The Mound,

Sutherland.

15th February, 1947.

Copy.

The County Clerk,
Sutherland County Council,
Golspie.

Dear Sir,

I hereby make application to the Council for a new floor to be laid in the kitchen of the sluice keeper's house tenanted by me. The present floor is composed of Caithness flags and it is impossible to keep floor covering on owing to the uneven condition.

I also make application for a wash house to be installed as there is no wash house facilities and the washing of clothes, etc., has to be carried out in the open. I would respectfully point out that the erection of a wash house was granted just immediately prior to the war but owing to hostilities this work was not carried out, but, now that hostilities have ceased.

I will be much obliged if my application will receive favourable consideration.

I am, Sirs,

Your Obedient Servant,

William MacKay,

Sluice Keeper.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

EDWARD W. BRANNEN,

L.R.I.B.A. AND F.R.I.A.S

—
ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

—
TELEPHONE - DORNOCH 31.

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ENC.

County Architects' Office,

Carnegie Buildings,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

6th March 1947.

W. Sutherland Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

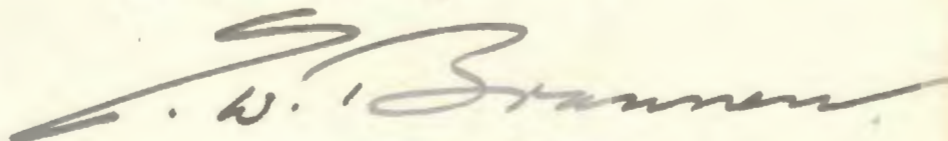
Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound, Dornoch.

I thank you for your letter of 19th ultimo regarding above and will certainly give all help I can in this matter.

I shall send on a brief specification and estimate of cost. You will understand that if we lift the Caithness flags on floor only cement concrete is allowed to replace same.

Yours faithfully,



Architect to the L.A.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION

DIVISIONAL ROAD ENGINEER (SCOTLAND)

Telegraphic Address: "Roadbound, Edinburgh."

Telephone No.: CRAiglockhart 4010.

Any further communications should be addressed to:—

The Divisional Road Engineer

Address as opposite

and the following reference quoted:—

Our reference RDZ/210/346/52

Your reference is CJN/JC



GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,

BANKHEAD AVENUE,

SIGHTHILL,

EDINBURGH, 11.

27th December, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Sluicemaker's House at the Mound

I refer to your letter of the 14th November, 1955, and the estimate enclosed therewith of the cost of the proposed repairs at the above dwellinghouse.

It is agreed that these repairs may be carried out at an estimated cost of £24. 10.- and the expenditure should be charged to the appropriate trunk road maintenance account.

Yours faithfully,

L. E. Jones
Divisional Road Engineer

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

MM/MR.

W. H. M. Jones
please return

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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ARCHITECT TO THE L.A.

TELEPHONE - DORNOCH ~~200~~ 231

ENG.

AWM/DCM/SCC

County Architects Office,

Dornoch, Sutherland.

11th November, 1955.

W. Sutherland, Esq.,
County Road Surveyor,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House, The Mound.

Referring to my letter dated 5th ultimo, I have examined minor repairs requested by Mr Mackay, the Sluice Keeper, and submit herewith an approximate estimate of the cost.

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|---|------------|
| (1) Renew lead trap and waste pipe from sink..... | £ 7: 5: 0d |
| (2) Repair broken fireclay sewer pipe and to be replaced in
C.I. pipe..... | £15: 0: 0d |
| (3) Renew the back firebrick in "Nu-Heather" range..... | £ 2: 5: 0d |

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Brannen

County Architect. *P.*

SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT,
(Roads Division),
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,
EDINBURGH, 11.

21st January, 1957.

Dear County Clerk,

Sluicekeeper's House at The Mound

I refer to your letter of 9th January and to previous correspondence about this matter, on which I am sorry not to have sent an earlier reply.

You will remember that when we took over ^{from} the Ministry of Transport your Council had signed an Agreement under section 7(3) of the Trunk Roads Act, 1936, but the Agreement had not been executed by the Ministry, who at that stage raised the question of payment of feu duty.

We have now gone through all the rather tangled history of this matter and have obtained legal advice. That advice is to the effect that since the sluices serve not only that part of the road which was "detrunked" but the whole of the existing trunk road in the area, the liability to operate and maintain the sluices, together with the land which (prior to the "trunking") was vested in the County Council for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of the sluices was unaffected by the "detrunking" of the small length of road and remained vested in the Minister of Transport as highway authority for the trunk road. It follows, therefore, that there is no need for an agreement under section 7(3) (in reverse) transferring these things back to the Secretary of State.

On the basis of this advice we consider that the best way to proceed now is as follows:-

1. As regards the land formerly owned by the Council, i.e. the land coloured pink on your plan dated 16. 11.55, and presumably the sites of the buildings containing the sluice-gear and of the sluices themselves, including right of access thereto, there is no need for any conveyance to the Secretary of State, but his statutory title should be recorded in the Register of Sasines by means of a "notice of title";
2. As regards the area coloured blue on the plan, we should negotiate direct with the proprietor for a lease or feu of it in the ordinary way;
3. The position having been thus regularised your Council should, as the Secretary of State's agents, meet the costs of the upkeep of the house and sluice gates and the wages of the sluice-keeper, the costs to be charged to your trunk road maintenance account, as hitherto.

4./

The County Clerk,
County Clerk's Office,
GOLSPIE.

Tel.: CRAIGlockhart 4010.

Extn.....

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Your ref.....



SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT
(ROADS DIVISION),
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHTHILL,
EDINBURGH, 11.

12th March, 1957.

Dear Sir,

Trunk Road A.9
Sluice-Keeper's House at the Mound

I refer to the County Clerk's letter of 18th February, 1956, and the plan enclosed therewith on which was shown two areas of land coloured blue which it is now intended to acquire as indicated in the Department's letter of the 21st January, 1957 addressed to the County Clerk.

In order that the process of acquisition may be put in hand I should be obliged if you would let me have seven copies of this plan together with six copies of the reference schedule (trunk road Form 138). The two areas to be conveyed should be coloured pink in the plans but other areas should not be coloured.

A dozen copies of blank forms T.R. 138 are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

L. Harris
for Chief Road Engineer.

The County Surveyor,
Sutherland County Council,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

MJM/HEC.

NORTHERN AREA.



Church Street,
Dingwall.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD

OUR REF.

YOUR REF.

ACH/DR/V.17.

23rd April, 1957.

Mr. Wm. Mackay,
Post Office,
The Mound,
S U T H E R L A N D.

Dear Sir,

Enquiry No. 15372.

We have received a fresh enquiry from the Railway Company to provide Supplies to their properties at The Mound, and knowing that you are very interested in having the Supply, we wish to keep you informed of this move. Should the Railway Company accept our proposals, we will be in a position to offer you a Supply of Electricity at very reasonable terms, and these are as follows:-

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Yours faithfully,
for the NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD,

Area Commercial Officer.

30th April, 1957.

Scottish Home Department,
(Roads Division),
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County Road Surveyor.

Encls.

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Your ref.....CJM/MJI. A/S5



SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT

(ROADS DIVISION),

BANKHEAD AVENUE,

SIGHTHILL,

EDINBURGH, 11.

15th May, 1957

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound

I refer to your letter and enclosures of 30th April, 1957, regarding the proposal to install an electricity supply in the sluicekeeper's house and in the two sluice houses at the Mound.

The Department agrees in principle to the provision of this supply in the house occupied by the sluicekeeper, and will be prepared to cover the cost of installation so far as this dwellinghouse is concerned. Regarding the sluice houses, however, it is thought that there is no real need for the extension of the supply to these buildings, because on the occasions when the sluicekeeper has to visit the buildings during darkness a small portable light would appear to be adequate and perhaps more useful.

If a supply is not made to the sluice houses presumably the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board will be prepared to reduce the terms set out in their letter of 23rd April in respect of both the Capital Contribution and the Guarantee.

Regarding the Guarantee, it will, of course, be understood that accounts rendered by the Board in connection with the consumption of electricity in the house will be settled by the occupier.

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
BRORA,
Sutherland.

/If

MKM/RMF

NORTHERN AREA.



Church Street,
Dingwall.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD

OUR REF.

ACH/DR/V.17.

YOUR REF.

CJM/JC.

8th June, 1957.

The County Road Surveyor,
County Road Surveyor's Office,
B R O R A.

Dear Sir,

Enquiry No. 15372.

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound.

I refer to your letter of 20th May in connection with a Supply of Electricity to the Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound.

To afford a Supply of Electricity to this point would prove a very costly construction. You may not be aware of the fact that Mr. Mackay has been in touch with the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Board, and has received a reply from The Right Hon. Thomas Johnston to the effect that it would not be an economical proposition to give Supplies unless the British Railways were prepared to pay a considerable contribution towards the cost of the necessary construction. After the correspondence we received a fresh request from British Railways, and having given them a quotation, we informed Mr. Mackay of the situation, saying that if the Railway Company accepted our proposals, we would be in a position to afford him reasonable terms. I have since, however, sent a letter to Mr. Mackay saying that the Railway Company had not accepted our terms, and we were not able to offer him the terms as given in our letter of the 23rd April.

It is most unfortunate that the position is thus, but we cannot afford to construct those costly lines unless we receive a substantial contribution from the parties concerned. If, however, the Railway Company consider it a proposition, we will get in touch with you.

Yours faithfully,
for the NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD,

Area Commercial Officer.

EDZ/210/346/52

R/A15

IS/IWS

24th July, 1957.

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Yours faithfully,

A. Wilson
for Chief Road Engineer.

The County Surveyor,
County Road Office,
Brora.

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SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT,
(ROADS DIVISION),
BANKHEAD AVENUE,
SIGHT HILL,
EDINBURGH. 11.

RDZ 210/346/52.
RM/MM/R/A.15.

4th December, 1958.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House at the Mound

I refer to your letter and enclosure of the 27th November and note that the improvements are progressing satisfactorily.

Regarding the request made by the Sluicekeeper for artificial lighting to be installed, it is agreed that five calor gas lighting points may be installed as recommended by the County Architect.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) - Morris.

for Chief Road Engineer.

SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT,

(ROADS DIVISION),

BANKHEAD AVENUE,

SIGHTHILL,

EDINBURGH, 11.

12th December, 1958.

Dear Sir,

Review of Rents

Following a review of the policy of rents charged for property in Crown ownership it has been decided to charge rents as closely as possible in line with those charged by private landlords, or if rent free accommodation is provided, in line with outside practice.

It will be necessary, therefore, to review the case of Mr. W. Mackay who occupies the Sluicekeeper's house at the Mound, Brora, rent free, and I should be grateful in this connection if you would let me have the following information:

- (1) Mr. Mackay's duties and conditioned hours of attendance
- (2) Mr. Mackay's present wage and whether this wage is in accordance with an approved or recognised wage scale.
- (3) When was this wage last reviewed.
- (4) Whether regard is made to accommodation being rent free when assessing rate of pay.
- (5) What was the rateable value of the house in August, 1954.
- (6) What is it at present if different from that at August, 1954.
- (7) Owner's rates in 1956/57.
- (8) Whether there has been any change in the rateable value since the end of the war (1939-1945).

I should also be grateful for any other information you may have regarding Mr. Mackay's conditions of service or tenancy which you feel may help us in this review.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) GEO. AITHIE.

PRK/IJR /B/S.5

16th December, 1958.

A. J. Macrae, Esq.,
County Clerk,
County Clerk's Office,
GOLSPIE.

Dear Sir,

Review of Rents.
Sluicemaker's House, The Mound.

I am in receipt of yours of 15th inst., enclosing copy letter from the Scottish Home Department.

The following is the information asked for:-

- (1) Opening and shutting sluice gates every six hours approximately 4 to 5 hours per day. Greasing mechanism and clearing any debris caught in gates. Scraping and tarring gates every summer and minor repairs.
- (2) Present wage £156 per annum.
- (3) Roads Committee Meeting 6.12.54 increased from £104 to £156 as from 16.5.54.
- (4) Yes
- (5) £6.
- (6) £6.
- (7) £3.14. 9d.
- (8) £6.

Yours faithfully,

County Road Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

(HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)

W. SUTHERLAND
COUNTY SURVEYOR

TELEPHONES 301, 302

County Road Surveyor's Office

YOUR REF:

OUR REF: WS/IJR/B/S.1

Biora

21st October, 1959.

Mr. W. MacKay,
Sluicekeeper's House,
THE MOUND.

Dear Sir,

Operation of Mound Sluices

Kindly let me know per return the answers to the following questions in regard to the operation of the sluices:-

1. When have you to operate the winch for the sluices *also*
~~and~~ the number of times, with an approximate note of the days in the week.
2. Will the sluice gates open and close by themselves?
3. Why is it necessary for you to lift the doors and at other times let them down?
4. Is it because of the state of the doors or the sudden inrush of water?
5. Is there more work when the tide is high and when there is a heavy spate?

I shall be obliged if you can give me any information which will be helpful in regard to the operation of the sluices, as this is required immediately for ~~the~~ County Council meeting. *also*

Yours faithfully,

W. Sutherland

W. Sutherland

County Road Surveyor.

COPY

CM.
Scottish Home Department,
(Roads Division),
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,

RDZ/210/346/52

Edinburgh, 11.

Yr. Ref: RM/MR

11th December, 1959.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper at The Mound
Increase of Wages

With reference to your letter of 7th December, 1959 I write to inform you that the Department approves the increase by £26 per annum of the sluicekeeper's salary as resolved by your Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R. Morris

for Chief Road Engineer.

The County Clerk,
County Offices,
Golspie,
Sutherland.

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JGE/JC/H/S.1.

2nd May, 1962.

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Home Department,
(Roads Division),
Bankhead Avenue,
Sighthill,
EDINBURGH, 11.

Dear Sir,

A.9 The Mound Sluicemaker's House.

I am instructed to ask for your approval for the expenditure of £42 :19 : 2d.
for the renewal of the fence surrounding the garden ground at the above property.

Yours faithfully,

W. SUTHERLAND.

County Road Surveyor.



SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT

ROADS DIVISION

Bankhead Avenue, Sighthill, EDINBURGH, 11

Telegrams: Roadbound, Edinburgh

Telephone: CRAIGLOCKHART 4010 ext. 276

Please address any reply to

THE SECRETARY

(Postage must be prepaid)

and quote: RDZ/210/346/G

Your reference: JGE/JC/B/S.1

May, 1962

Dear Sir,

London-Edinburgh-Thurso Trunk Road A.9
Sluicemaker's House at The Mound
Repair of Boundary Fence

I refer to your letter of 2nd May and have to inform you that a letter approving acceptance of the tender for £42 19s. 2d. was sent to the County Clerk, Golspie on 26th April, 1962.

Yours faithfully,

Ch. Banks

for Chief Road Engineer

The County Surveyor,
County Surveyor's Office,
BORRIS,
Sutherland.

Mr. Banks
Mr. G. G. G. G.

10.7.64

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opened 19/8/63

am Shanks's House,
The Mound,
Donagh.

The County Clerk,

County Offices.

~~Donagh~~. Joseph

Dear Sir,

I find that the fireplace in the living-
room of the above house is no longer convenient, and
feel that something smaller and with less of a protrusion
would be more suitable bearing in mind that the ovens are
no longer necessary. I would be pleased if the County Council
could help me in this matter. I am,

Yours faithfully,

Wm MacKay

(Shanks's)



A. J. MACRAE,
COUNTY CLERK

Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

YOUR REF.

OUR REF.

RM/11.

County Clerk's Office,

Golspie

19th August, 1963.

J.G. Edmond, Esq.,
County Surveyor,
BRODA.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House, The Mound
Fireplace

I enclose copy letter which I have received from Mr. William Mackay, Sluicekeeper, The Mound, regarding the installation of a fireplace in the living-room of the above house.

I propose to submit Mr. Mackay's letter to the next meeting of the Roads Committee and in the meantime I have asked the County Architect for his comments on the proposal.

Yours faithfully,



[Signature]
County Clerk.

JGE/JC.

21st November, 1963.

A. J. MacRae, Esq.,
County Clerk,
County Office,
GOLSPIE.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House, The Mound.

With reference to your letter of 18th instant and the enclosed copy of your letter to the County Architect, it appears to me that the dampness on the inside of the front wall of the House is due to the fact that it is plastered on the hard without an air space.

In my opinion, this is a matter for urgent attention.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.

JGE/MB

12th January, 1971.

J. B. Rodger, Esq.,
County Clerk,
County Offices,
Glasgow.

Dear Sir,

A.9 Mound
Sluice Keeper's Salary

I refer to the Minute of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of 21st ult. and I have to report as follows.

The Sluice Keeper's present salary is £225 per annum plus a free house. I understand that he was paid £104 per annum in 1948 and if this were brought up to date in proportion to manual workers wages the appropriate payment would be £510 per annum.

In my opinion, however, we have to be careful about the relationship with other part-time employees, for example, the Harbour Master at Helmsdale who carries a greater responsibility and who is paid only £6 per week.

If a small increase in the salary of the Sluice Keeper were considered appropriate it might be to £5 per week, in which case I think the proper differential for the Harbour Master should be maintained by an increase in his case to £7 per week.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

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COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

GOLSPIE

SUTHERLAND

Telephone Nos. 392 & 393

19th March, 1971

RODGER, M.A., LL.B.
COUNTY CLERK

J. G. Edmond, Esq.,
County Surveyor,
BRORA.

15 22 MAR 1971 *AS*

Dear Sir,

Sluice-keeper at The Mound - Salary

I refer to the request for an increase in salary by the Sluice-keeper at The Mound.

In order that this matter may be considered further by the Department they ask to be supplied with a list of the duties performed by the Sluice-keeper, including maintenance of machinery, if any, and an indication of the number of hours worked each week. I will be glad to have this information.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
County Clerk.

SLUICEKEEPER'S HOUSE,
THE MOUND,
DORNOCHE,
3rd. APRIL '71

9 - 6 APR 1971 HB

TO COUNTY SURVEYOR,
COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND,
BRORA,

DEAR SIR, REF J.C.E./AJM (26th MARCH)

WITH REGARD TO YOUR LETTER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE, RE
SLUICEKEEPER'S DUTIES AND HOURS WORKED PER WEEK THE INFORMATION
YOU REQUIRE, AND AN AVERAGE OF MY HOURS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

a) MANUAL OPERATION OF GATES	: —	<u>PER 24 hr. PERIOD.</u>
		1½ hrs.
b) EXTRA DUTIES RESULTING FROM HEAVY WATER WATCH OVER ENTIRE 24 hr. SPILL AVERAGE TO	—	2 hrs
TOTAL. PER DAY		<u>3½ hrs.</u>

ie. PER WEEK (7 DAYS) 24½ hrs.

PLUS. MAINTAINANCE OF MACHINERY (OILING CHAINS + MOVING PARTS ETC.)
COMES TO 1½ hrs. APPROX. PER WEEK.

WEEKLY TOTAL 26 hrs.

P.T.O.

I. WOULD FURTHER OBSERVE, THAT WHEN WORKMEN ARE ENGAGED ON ANY MAJOR WORK ON THE BRIDGE OR GATES (APPROX. 1 WEEK PER YEAR.) SWICKEEPER HAS TO BE ON CALL CONSTANTLY TO OPERATE GATES AS REQUIRED. (TIDAL VARIATION MAKING THIS NECESSARY ON OCCASION OVER A 24 hr. PERIOD)

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION MEETS YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

W. MACKAY

(WM. MACKAY)
SWICKEEPER

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Scottish Development Department
43 Jeffrey Street Edinburgh EH1 1DL

Telephone 031-556 8433 ext

The County Clerk
County Council of Sutherland
County Clerk's Office
GOLSPIE

Your reference RM/EM

Our reference R/TW/SD

Date 27 July 1971

Dear Sir

SLUICE-KEEPER AT THE MOUND: SALARY

I refer to our recent correspondence about the salary increase proposed for the Sluice-Keeper at The Mound and regret that it has taken so long to convey our conclusions. On the basis of the information supplied by the County Surveyor however as to the duties and hours worked by the Sluice-Keeper, and taking into account current rates of wages and his free accommodation, we are prepared to approve that his salary should be increased to £350 per annum from 1 August 1971.

This rate is based on the hours worked by the Sluice-Keeper as described in the County Surveyor's letter of 9 April, and in any future approach about his rate of pay it would be appreciated if you would indicate any change in hours or conditions etc in the interval from 1 August 1971. This will enable the Department to assess any claim for increased pay quickly and will avoid undue reference back to you for information required in reaching any new pay rate.

Yours faithfully

T J Muirhead
T J Muirhead

WS/MB

22nd November, 1972.

Scottish Development Department,
43 Jeffrey Street,
Edinburgh, EH1 1DL.

Dear Sir,

Sluice-Keeper at the Mound - Salary

It has been the practice to adjust the wages of the sluice keeper on the A.9 at the Mound in line with increases granted to manual workers under the N.J.C. agreement.

The latest settlement of 7th inst. allows an average increase of 12½% in respect of manual workers and I would propose adding an equivalent amount to the present wage of the sluice keeper which is £350 per annum to keep him in line with this.

I would ask your approval for my proposed action.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.

21)-8 JUL 1974 Slieve Rafter House.

J. O. The Mound,

Dornoch.
5th. 7-74

Dear Sir

Reverence Your letter of 1st July is
main supply at this address.

After careful consideration of the matter I can
see few advantages and several
disadvantages in proceeding with a main
supply, especially at my age.

Consequently I would prefer to accept
a main supply in lieu of exorbitant
Generator supply.

Yours faithfully
W. Mackay.

Hydro-Electric

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR MILLER

Sutherland County Council
County Engineer and Surveyor
Highways Department
County Offices
BRORA
Sutherland

DEar Sirs

SERIAL 11897

North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board

Northern Area
High Street
Dingwall IV15 9HD

Telephone Ding 1
Area Man g r A 1

date 22 May 1974

your ref

our ref COM/11897/AEM/SA3
A E MacLeman

2) 23 MAY 1974
J.D.

While carrying out a survey following an enquiry for supply to the property "Cuilfaillie", The Mound, Dornoch, it was noted there are two other properties in the vicinity namely the Post Office, which we understand is administered by your Council, and Station House, owned by a Mr J Thompson. On the basis that you may be interested in taking a mains electricity supply to the Post Office, we took the opportunity of costing for a joint scheme to serve the three properties at the one time, and have pleasure in submitting our quotation for supply to the Post Office on this basis for your consideration. //

The Board propose to erect a suitable pole mounted transformer on Pole 234 of the Lairg/Golspie 33,000 volt overhead line, fitting two single phase wedge type low voltage fuses. From Pole 234 erect approximately 350 metres of low voltage overhead line to supply the three properties, installing a 2 x 14 sq mm overhead service to the Post Office with suitable cut out and metering equipment.

The Board is prepared to carry out this work to afford a 240 volts single phase 50 hertz AC supply to cater for a Maximum Demand of 7 kW, in return for a Contribution of £413.00 towards our costs, plus guaranteed revenue of £105.00 per annum for seven years.

If you feel your Council cannot guarantee revenue for the sum quoted, or can guarantee a higher figure than the sum quoted, and advise us of the approximate amount of revenue your Council is prepared to guarantee, an adjustment can be made to the amount of Contribution. You will appreciate that any decrease in the sum guaranteed will automatically increase the Contribution, and vice versa.

Should you decide to go ahead with this installation, the charges for electricity supplied would be in accordance with Domestic Tariff, and with normal conditions we anticipate supply being available within Eight Months of receipt of acceptances in this office.

This quotation is given subject to:-

1. The Connection Terms, reference CT/MMK/25.3.68 attached hereto.
2. The Board's General Conditions for Supply of Electricity, a copy of which may be obtained on request.
3. /-

3. Your Council and the other parties involved being responsible for tree cutting and clearance as necessary on the route of the overhead line, at no cost to the Board.

4. Acceptance of similar terms from the other two parties included in this scheme.

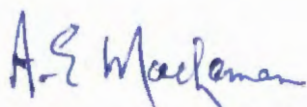
The terms for this quotation to make an electricity supply available at your premises are based on a particular line route for which the Board hope to get the necessary wayleave facilities. It will be appreciated that the quotation, therefore, is dependent on these facilities becoming available, but should another route have to be used involving additional costs, the quotation will be subject to increase accordingly.

This quotation has also been based on current costs of labour and material and may require to be modified due to a rise or fall in these costs, over which the Board have no control. The prices ruling at the time of putting the work in hand will apply and this may result in a revision of the amount of contribution.

On receipt of the acceptance the required wayleave negotiations will be put in hand. The Board will naturally do all they can to obtain the route on which this quotation has been based and you will be advised if difficulties arise in obtaining the wayleave facilities.

The Board is prepared to hold this offer open for a period of One Month and if a reply is not received within this period, the quotation will be automatically cancelled. Any further details you may require will gladly be provided.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. S. MacLellan".

for Area Commercial Officer

PMG

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

F. G. BLACKETT, A.R.I.B.A.
County Architect

Telephone: Dornoch 491/5

Your Ref.

Our Ref. AWM/MMG/G/4



County Offices

Dornoch Sutherland

IV25 3 SG.

4th June, 1974.

J.G. Edmonds Esq.,
County Surveyor,
Brora.

4) - 5 JUN 1974

J.D.

Dear Sir,

Sluice Keeper's House and Post Office, The Mound.

I refer to your letter of the 30th ulto., and quotation from the Hydro Board to lay on mains electricity supply to this property in return for an initial contribution of £413 plus an annual guarantee of £105 for seven years.

The Generator presently supplying this property is a Lister 3-Kw "Start O Matic" and was installed in March, 1970.

I note you are to refer this proposal to the Scottish Development Department.

Yours faithfully,

County Architect.



Scottish Development Department

43 Jeffrey Street Edinburgh EH1 1DL

Telephone 031-556 8433 ext

1) 28 JUN 1974

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The County Surveyor
County Surveyor's Office
Brora
Sutherland

Your reference

Our reference

R/TL/SD/12/Pt 2

Date

26 June 1974

Dear Sir

LONDON-EDINBURGH-THURSO TRUNK ROAD A9
SLUICEKEEPER'S HOUSE, THE MOUND

I refer to your letter of 7 June 1974 about the provision of a mains supply of electricity to the above house.

I should be pleased if you could ascertain whether the Sluicekeeper is prepared to accept a mains supply of electricity in lieu of existing generator supply.

Should it be decided to instal a mains supply the Department will approach the NSHEB about the contribution costs in order that the guarantee revenue figure can be dispensed with.

Yours faithfully

for Chief Road Engineer

Sluice-Keeper's House,

The Mound,

DORNOCH.

25th May, 1976.

Divisional Road Surveyor,
Highland Regional Council,
Roads Department,
BRORA.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the above house and would like to inform you that the exterior is in need of attention in the near future if the fabric is not to deteriorate.

It is now at least 14 years since any exterior paint-work was done and this is, of course, by now showing signs of neglect. Also there are a number of slates missing from the roof and this you will agree must have a deleterious effect.

Further, I think you should know that the bathroom plumbing is not in good shape. The .C. cistern is badly rusted and indeed is so old fashioned, it does not even have an overflow pipe, though with the inadequacy of the water supply, this is of somewhat less importance than it otherwise might be.

I do hope that something can be done while summer weather conditions prevail.

Yours faithfully,

Wm Mackay

(Wm. Mackay)
Sluicekeeper.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

3rd December, 1976.

G. Durrand, Esq.,
Director of Housing & Technical Services,
Meadows,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

A.9 Sluice Keeper's House, Mound

I refer to Mr. Field's telephone conversation with you on 2nd December, 1976 in relation to an account from Messrs. Fraser & Sutherland, Decorators which I am being asked to certify for payment. While it is not disputed that this work has been carried out by the contractors concerned and suitable quotations have been obtained what I am querying is who authorised the work in the first place.

You will appreciate that this is a considerable sum of money and I cannot pass it for payment until that information is available to me.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

2) 10 DEC 1976 cm

SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

G. Durrand
Director of Technical and
Housing Services

Telephone Dornoch 491

District Offices,
Meadows,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland IV25 3SG

Your Ref. HBF/CM

My Ref. AJR/MMG/G.4

Date 7th December, 1976.

J.N. Millar Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Roads Office,
Brora.

Dear Sir,

Sluicekeeper's House, The Mound.

Replying to yours 3rd December, 1976, the work was authorised by Mr. R. Harrow,
Principal Maintenance Inspector, Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness.

Yours faithfully,

G. Durrand.

Director of Technical & Housing Services.

J.N. Millar, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland Division.

Director of Architectural
Services.

13/12/76

HBF/CM

Sluicemaker's House. The Mound

I have been informed by the Director of Technical and Housing Services that he has been authorised to carry out work at the above location by Mr. Harrow your Principal Maintenance Inspector. I have to say that I had no knowledge that this work was required and since I am responsible for the expenditure of money on the trunk road to which heading this work must be charged. I would be obliged to know the authority for the execution of the work.

Divisional Engineer.

Director of Roads & Transport.

M.H. Taylor, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland Division.

RJW/CM

13/5/80

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wallace Mackay, Sluice Keeper, The Mound

I refer to a recent telephone conversation with Mr. A. Gordon regarding the employment of the above person and I would confirm the request made to him that Mr. Mackay's position be looked at regarding his continued employment and duties.

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. H.B. Field,

DIVISIONAL ENGINEER.

Senior Engineer (Maintenance).

MHT/MB

29th July, 1980.

Mr. W. Mackay - Gate Keeper at the Mound

With reference to recent correspondence and discussions on the above I had a 'phone call from John Longbottom, S.D.D. yesterday.

They are prepared to agree that in view of his age Mr. Mackay should be retired and they consider there is no real need to replace him. They should like to know if he would wish to stay on in the house or if he can make alternative arrangements. They would be sympathetic if he wishes to remain in the house but would probably not want to make it a permanent situation. Could you please speak to him and get his reaction.

No one seems to have any details of the property and Mr. Longbottom would like us to give some when we let him know Mr. Mackay's views e.g.

Name of House

Address

Size

Number of rooms

Any area of garden

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

7th November, 1980.

For the attention of Mr. J. Longbottom

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Bridges
Sluicekeeper - Mr. W. Mackay

I refer to your earlier enquiry and am now in a position to give you some information on this subject.

Mr. Mackay has been interviewed and it would appear from his comments that he was employed originally on the basis of three months notice by either party although this does not appear to have been put in writing in 1936 when he first took up the position.

According to him operation of the sluices are still required from time to time although the extent of these operations appears to have diminished over the years possibly due to afforestation and land drainage works further up the valley. At the moment he has informed me that he is in receipt of £35.75 per month in addition to being provided with his residence and maintenance of same.

The point was put to Mr. Mackay as to his retiral from this part time position and he readily appreciates that his services are not so onerous as they used to be, but this of course raises the question of who would operate the sluices at times of emergency. He would very much like to remain in the house with his wife where he has lived for the last 44 years.

An examination of an old file in this office reveals correspondence going back to 1951 and I attach hereto relevant copies dated 11th June, 1951, 2nd June, 1951 and 22nd March, 1957 which has a plan with it. Perhaps you will be able to unearth further details from your archives. Also attached are two copies of my Drawing No. 214/3 which shows the area of plot and position of the residence as surveyed recently.

Should/

Should there be any further points please do not hesitate to let me know and I shall arrange for Mr. Mackay to be interviewed again.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Encs.

Registered
Plumbers
and
Sanitary
Engineers

Alexander Thomson & Son

(M. J. Thomson and A. Thomson)

CHURCH STREET, DORNOCH

Telephone: DORNOCH 270

Telegrams: THOMSON, DORNOCH

ESTIMATES ON APPLICATION

Esso appointed Heating Engineer

3) 24 NOV 1980 *cm*
17th Nov. 1980

Mr Field.
Highland Regional Council,
Roads Dept.
Brora.

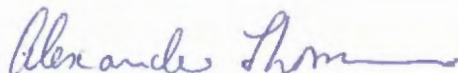
Dear Sir,

Sluice Keepers House, The Mound.

We hereby offer to renew the existing cold water storage tanks at the above with Galv. or Plastic tanks for the sum of One hundred and fourteen pounds. £114-00.

This offer would be subject to V.A.T. at the standard rate.

Yours faithfully



Alexander Thomson & Son.

HBF/

Murray gave me the note some time ago. a friend it slipped
to Bolton & put. I have a good idea what do you think.

Mr. M. H. Hylton
Divisional Eng.

I have just heard that
the Electricity has been put into
the adjoining house to Wallace
at the wound. I suggest that
perhaps we could get a
connection to Wallace instead
of the Generator which we have
at present.

Mr. B.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

4/12/80

Hydro Electric Board,
High Street,
Dingwall.

Dear Sirs,

Residence of Mr. W. Mackay
The Mound, Sutherland

I have been advised that you have been providing an electricity supply to a house adjacent to Mr. Mackay's residence and I would be pleased to know from you your estimate for continuing this line to his house.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board

High Street

Dingwall, IV15 9HD

Telephone Dingwall 3451

Hydro-Electric

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL,
DEPT. OF ROADS & TRANSPORT
DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS OFFICE,
VICTORIA ROAD
BRORA. KW9 6QN

date 11/12/80

your ref HBF/CM

our ref COM/ED 16691/KM.

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO Mr W. Mackay, The Mound, Sutherland.

With reference to your enquiry regarding the provision of electricity supply to the above mentioned premises I now enclose an "Application for a Supply of Electricity" form for your kind attention. Please complete parts I & II and also part III if you require a Restricted Hours Supply. The form should then be signed and the top copy returned to this office as soon as possible, together with a site plan and a plan of the building.

This information will enable our Engineers to accurately estimate the cost of providing supply following which our formal quotation will be submitted for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



for Consumer Service Officer



Scottish Development Department
New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

Telex 727301

Telephone 031-556 8400 ext

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1) 19 JAN 1981 cm

The Divisional Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
Brora
KW9 6QN

Your reference

HBE/CM
Our reference

R/TM/H

Date

14 January 1981

Dear Sir

A9 MOUND BRIDGES
SLUICEKEEPER - MR W MACKAY

I refer to your Council's letter of 24 June last year and to the subsequent correspondence about this matter.

As a result of the helpful information you were able to provide in your letter of 7 November on this subject, I have been able to unearth, literally from our Archives, a wealth of early correspondence going back as far as 1938 and detailing a very complicated history of dispute and disagreement over responsibilities from the time the "new" A9 trunk road bypassing the old sluice bridge was built in the 1930s. Most fortunately, however, the whole complex matter appears to have been regularised in 1961 by a Charter of Novadamus and Feu Disposition covering the precise area of ground on the plan associated with a letter from the County Road Surveyor to the Scottish Office dated 22 March 1957 and of which copies were enclosed with your letter. Consequently there is no doubt now over SDD ownership of the sluicekeeper's house and garden and, although the details of the responsibilities of the highway authority of the time for operating and maintaining the sluice gates appears to be lost in the mists of time, I think we have to accept that all the evidence suggests that the Secretary of State as the present highway authority does carry this responsibility.

Nor is there now any documented information on the precise terms of the agreement entered into with Mr Mackay as to his duties and the related occupancy of the house, but I think it would be reasonable to accept his version of the arrangements and assume that the intention was that, should he leave the post, he would also vacate the house. Strictly therefore, if we discontinue his service entirely, we must also ask him to vacate the property so that we could dispose of it - this is particularly important in these present times, when government departments are being expected to dispose of all properties they do not require. However, as I discussed with your Mr Field earlier this week, even although the bulk of any sluice operation and maintenance can be carried out by the Region's own road maintenance staff, there is also the question of inspection and emergency operation - or at least the reporting of any emergency situation. I gather that Mr Mackay seems quite prepared to do this curtailed duty, which would not be too onerous for him, even allowing for his advanced years, and this would enable us to allow him to retain his occupancy of the house free of rent or maintenance as before. However I doubt whether we would be justified in continuing to pay him in addition more than the very nominal sum of, say, £5 per month. I should be glad therefore to take you up on your offer of having a further word with him on this basis. If Mr Mackay is agreeable, I think that, in the absence of any record of the terms of the old agreement, an exchange of letters with him would be sufficient to record the new arrangements.

On the question of the change to a mains electricity supply and the maintenance work required to the water supply system, I shall await further information from you on the cost of each of these.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A S Manzel', written over a horizontal line.

A S MANZEL



Highland

Department of Roads and Transport
M. H. Taylor, C.Eng., M.I.C.E.,
M.I.Mun.E., M.I.H.E.
Divisional Engineer
Sutherland Division

Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
Brora KW9 6QN

Telephone Brora 301

Please ask for Mr. Field

Our ref HBF/CM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 2nd February, 1981.

Mr. Wallace Mackay,
Sluicekeeper,
The Mound,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Conditions of Service

I refer to Mr. Field's discussions with you in connection with the above and am now pleased to confirm your conversation with him on 27th January, 1981 as follows:-

1. You would continue with the inspection and emergency operations of the sluices as necessary reporting to my staff should there be any emergency.
2. For carrying out this duty you will be allowed the continued occupancy of the Mound House free of rent or maintenance as before.
3. That you would be paid the sum of £5 per month to continue the functions noted in 1 above.

I trust you will find this a correct record of your discussions with Mr. Field and would ask you to sign and return to me in the attached stamp addressed envelope the second copy of this letter so that I may forward it to the Scottish Development Department.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Wm Mackay
The Mound
Dornoch

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

R/TM/H

2nd February, 1981.

For the attention of Mr. A.S. Manzie

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Bridges
Sluicekeeper - Mr. W. Mackay

I thank you for your letter of 14th January, 1981 on the above subject and now attach hereto a copy of the new agreement sent to Mr. W. Mackay duly signed.

I think in the circumstances this is a fair and reasonable arrangement and I understand from Mr. Field that Mr. Mackay viewed it favourably.

On the question of repairs to the water supply system I consider that this is vital and will arrange for it to be executed at an early date for the sum of roughly £200. On the question of an electricity supply I am still awaiting a quotation from the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board and when this is available together with an estimate for the rewiring of the house will forward it to you under separate cover. Of course at this stage there would be a credit arising from the sale of the generator already in use.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Enc.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

2nd February, 1981.

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Sluicekeeper,
The Mound,
Dornoch.

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Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

27th February, 1981.

For the attention of Mr. A.S. Manzie

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Bridges
Sluicekeeper - Mr. W. Mackay

I refer to my letter of 2nd February, 1981 and enclosure and would be pleased to know whether you are in agreement with the revised terms of contract for Mr. Mackay.

Perhaps you could kindly let me know whether you will be communicating with the Finance Department of the Regional Council in Inverness to alter his emoluments or whether you wish me to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

IN DUPLICATE

PRINCIPAL to be retained by the Board

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD
Highland Area, South Street, Elgin, IV30 1JE

Highland Regional Council,
 Divisional Engineer's Office,
 Victoria Road,
BRORA. KW9 6QN

Date 15th May, 1981.

Any enquiries please quote
 this reference: C5/6/RR/LHM/
 HD16691/19185

Your ref: HBF/CM

To:

Dear Sirs,

QUOTATION FOR A PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT Residence of W. Mackay, The
 Mound, Sutherland

With reference to your application for a proposed supply of electricity to the above premises, the Board offer to provide such supply on the following terms:

1 TYPE AND VOLTAGE OF SUPPLY

Supply with a capacity of 8 kilowatts would be provided at 240 volts
 Single Phase 2 Wire with a frequency of 50 hertz.

2 SERVICE DETAILS AND EARTHING

Service Details

Earthing Arrangement: *~~Cable Sheath to PEW/PME/Drain~~

*Delete as
 appropriate

The service and metering position would normally be established not less than one metre from floor level and you would be required to provide a piped duct for a cable from the meter position through the outer wall of the building terminating at a depth of 500 millimetres below ground level.

3 POINT OF SUPPLY

The point of supply (meter position) would be indicated by the Board's Engineer.

For domestic supplies the Board would provide an outdoor meter cupboard free of charge for installation by you at your expense.

4 TARIFF(S) PROPOSED FOR SUPPLY

Standard Domestic

or as amended by the Board on intimation in the Press or any Tariff substituted therefor by the Board on such intimation.

... A leaflet giving details of the Board's proposed Tariff(s) and others available is enclosed.

5 CONTRIBUTION AND GUARANTEE OF MINIMUM QUARTERLY REVENUE

You would be required –

- (i) to contribute the sum of £ **4,405** towards the cost, and
- (ii) to guarantee Minimum Quarterly Revenue of £ **37.50**

The Contribution would be due and payable on the Commencement Date which shall be the date intimated in writing to you as the date the Board is ready to make the supply available or failing such intimation on the date on which supply shall first be taken by you whichever date is the earlier.

The Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue would apply from the Commencement Date for the Minimum Period of the Agreement as defined in Clause 6 hereof.

In respect of the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue you would pay to the Board in each quarter such sum as may be necessary to bring the amount of the charges for electricity under Clause 4 hereof up to the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue and sums charged for electricity under Clause 4 hereof in excess of the amount of the Guarantee of Quarterly Minimum Revenue in any quarter of any calendar year would be offset against any sums charged in any quarter of the same year.

NOTE: If you wish to discuss variations of the Contribution/Guarantee amounts please contact the Board at the above address.

6 PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

You would be required to enter into an Electricity Supply Agreement with the Board for a minimum period of **7** years from the Commencement Date (hereinafter referred to as "the Minimum Period of the Agreement").

7 CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY

The Board's General Conditions for Supply of Electricity printed on the reverse of this Quotation or those in force from time to time would apply.

8 DEFAULT IN PAYMENT

If you default in the punctual payment of any amount due to the Board in connection with the supply then unless other arrangements satisfactory to the Board for safeguarding any sum owing to the Board shall have been made, the then present value of the full capitalised amount of the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue for the remainder of the minimum period of the Agreement shall immediately become payable.

9 ROUTE APPROVALS – BASIS OF QUOTATION

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10 WAYLEAVES

The provision of supply would be subject to you granting to or securing for the Board free of charge any wayleaves or other necessary facilities for all electric lines and works required for the purposes of the supply along a route approved by the Board on, over or through PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR CONTROL. Further, if any trees on such ground require to be pruned or removed, in order to prevent interference with the construction, maintenance or working of the electric lines, works or other plant such trees will, when required by the Board, be pruned or removed by you free of charge to the Board.

* Delete if
inappropriate

11 * ~~ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS~~

~~Additional conditions applicable to the supply of electricity are set out in Appendix 1.~~

12 The Board would hope to provide the supply of electricity within 9/12 months of receiving your acceptance of this quotation.

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Yours faithfully,



for Area Commercial Officer

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ACCEPTANCE DOCQUET

REF:- RR/LHM/HD16691/
19185

PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT Residence of W. Mackay, The Mound, Sutherland

* Delete if
inappropriate

I/We accept the above quotation dated 15th May, 1981

* ~~ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS~~

~~Appendix 1/~~

Full Name (in Block Capitals, please)

Signed ☒ _____ ☒ Date _____

If a Company please indicate if SECRETARY/MANAGER/PARTNER

IN DUPLICATE

DUPLICATE to be retained by the Consumer

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD
Highland Area, South Street, Elgin, IV30 1JE

Highland Regional Council,
Divisional Engineer's Office,
Victoria Road,
BRORA. KW9 6QN

Date **15th May, 1981.**

To:

Any enquiries please quote
 this reference: C5/6/RR/LHM/
HL16691/19185

Your ref: **BBF/GM**Dear **Sirs,**

QUOTATION FOR A PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT **Residence of W. Mackay, The**
Mound, Sutherland

With reference to your application for a proposed supply of electricity to the above premises, the Board offer to provide such supply on the following terms:

1 TYPE AND VOLTAGE OF SUPPLY

Supply with a capacity of **8** kilowatts would be provided at **240** volts
Single Phase **2** Wire with a frequency of 50 hertz.

2 SERVICE DETAILS AND EARTHING

Service Details

Earthing Arrangement: *~~C5/6/RR/LHM/CLW/PME/Direct~~

The service and metering position would normally be established not less than one metre from floor level and you would be required to provide a piped duct for a cable from the meter position through the outer wall of the building terminating at a depth of 500 millimetres below ground level.

3 POINT OF SUPPLY

The point of supply (meter position) would be indicated by the Board's Engineer.

For domestic supplies the Board would provide an outdoor meter cupboard free of charge for installation by you at your expense.

4 TARIFF(S) PROPOSED FOR SUPPLY

Standard Domestic

or as amended by the Board on intimation in the Press or any Tariff substituted therefor by the Board on such intimation.

... A leaflet giving details of the Board's proposed Tariff(s) and others available is enclosed.

Delete as
appropriate

5 CONTRIBUTION AND GUARANTEE OF MINIMUM QUARTERLY REVENUE

You would be required —

- (i) to contribute the sum of £ **4,405** towards the cost, and
- (ii) to guarantee Minimum Quarterly Revenue of £ **37.50**

The Contribution would be due and payable on the Commencement Date which shall be the date intimated in writing to you as the date the Board is ready to make the supply available or failing such intimation on the date on which supply shall first be taken by you whichever date is the earlier.

The Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue would apply from the Commencement Date for the Minimum Period of the Agreement as defined in Clause 6 hereof.

In respect of the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue you would pay to the Board in each quarter such sum as may be necessary to bring the amount of the charges for electricity under Clause 4 hereof up to the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue and sums charged for electricity under Clause 4 hereof in excess of the amount of the Guarantee of Quarterly Minimum Revenue in any quarter of any calendar year would be offset against any sums charged in any quarter of the same year.

NOTE: If you wish to discuss variations of the Contribution/Guarantee amounts please contact the Board at the above address.

6 PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

You would be required to enter into an Electricity Supply Agreement with the Board for a minimum period of **7** years from the Commencement Date (hereinafter referred to as "the Minimum Period of the Agreement").

7 CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY

The Board's General Conditions for Supply of Electricity printed on the reverse of this Quotation or those in force from time to time would apply.

8 DEFAULT IN PAYMENT

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inappropriate

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12 The Board would hope to provide the supply of electricity within **9/12** months of receiving your acceptance of this quotation.

This quotation is based on estimated costs of work at the anticipated time of construction and accordingly it is open for acceptance for a period of not more than **4 weeks** after the date hereof.

Yours faithfully,



for Area Commercial Officer

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ACCEPTANCE DOCQUET

REF:- RR/LEM/ED16691/
19185

PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT **Residence of W. Mackay, The Mound, Sutherland**

* Delete if
inappropriate

I/We accept the above quotation dated **15th May, 1981**

~~*****~~

Full Name (in Block Capitals, please)

Signed ☒ _____ ☒ Date _____

If a Company please indicate if SECRETARY/MANAGER/PARTNER

14) 18 MAY 1981 CM

North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board

Hydro-Electric

Highland Area
South Street
Elgin IV30 1JE
Telephone Elgin 3441
Area Manager G. C. Davidson

date 15th May, 1981.

your ref HBF/CM

our ref RR/LHM/HD16691/19185

Highland Regional Council,
Divisional Engineer's Office,
Victoria Road,
BRORA. KW9 6QN

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your letter dated 4/12/80 in respect of supply to the residence of Mr. W. Mackay, The Mound, Sutherland and would apologise for delay in having a quotation prepared and submitted. Please accept apologies for this delay.

Costs have been prepared to extend a supply from the nearest source which includes the erection of a high voltage overhead line in addition to a section of low voltage overhead line and a quotation for same is enclosed.

It is felt however that difficulties would be experienced in obtaining a route for this line as trouble was experienced when supply was afforded to Mr. J. Smellie, and the terms as shown in our quotation is conditional on the Board obtaining a route on which costs have been prepared.

I trust that sufficient information has been submitted in order that a decision can be made regarding this supply but should further detail be required please advise.

Yours faithfully,


for Area Commercial Officer

Enc.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

RR/LHM/HDL6691/
19185

19/5/81

Hydro Electric Board,
South Street,
Elgin.

Dear Sirs,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I thank you for your quotation of 15th May, 1981 but regret to inform you that because of restrictions in expenditure and the obvious very high price of installation that I cannot proceed further at least during the currency of this financial year. I would thank you for your attention in this matter and will be in touch with you in due course should finances become available at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HEF/CN

19th May, 1981.

For the attention of Mr. Manzie

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

As previously agreed I attach hereto a quotation for the supply of electricity to the above residence which is in the ownership of the Scottish Development Department and from it you will note that the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board are requesting a contribution of £4,405.

I feel this is a very high figure as I am sure you will and can also confirm that there are no finances available in this years budget to meet even a part of this cost. Accordingly I have written to the Hydro Electric Board indicating that I will not be able to proceed with this work within the current year. I will however make a note for budget purposes for the financial year 1982/83 when the matter may be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Enc.

4) 21 MAY 1981 CM



Scottish Development Department
New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

Telephone 031-556 8400 ext

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR FIELD

The Divisional Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
Brora
KW9 6QN

Your reference

Our reference

R/TM/ED/12 part A
Date

19 May 1981

Dear Sir

A9 MOUND BRIDGES
CLEUCEKTEPER - MR W MACKAY

I refer to your letter of 27 February on this matter.

I am sorry to have taken so long to reply - I regret that I had allowed it to become entangled with the matter of the electricity supply to the cottage which I think is still outstanding.

So far as the occupancy of the cottage is concerned, the new agreement seems entirely satisfactory and I shall be glad if you would make arrangements with your Council's Finance Department to alter the present payment of £35.75 per month to the agreed sum of £5 per month.

For the record, now that we have become aware of the existence of the cottage, it would be helpful to know a little more about it, against time when we may have to consider its final disposal. There should be a record of rates payments for example, which would give some idea of its value and which I assume have been charged to trunk road maintenance, and, if the accounts in recent years should show any substantial maintenance expenditure, this might also throw some light on the condition of the cottage. I have been trying to arrange a visit by one of the Department's Building Inspectors over the past few months but this would have to be done in the course of a number of other inspections and the opportunity has not so far arisen, so that any information in this field would be useful.

Yours faithfully

A S MANZIE

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

R/TU/SD/12 part A

22nd May, 1981.

For the attention of Mr. A.S. Manzie

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Bridges
Sluicemaker - Mr. W. Mackay

I thank you for your letter of 19th May, 1981 and can confirm that I have written to the Director of Finance of the Highland Regional Council asking him to alter payment to Mr. W. Mackay.

On the question of electricity supply my letter to you of 19th May, 1981 covers this point.

With regard to the funds already expended on the maintenance of the property I am having an investigation carried out over the last few years and when this is available will write to you further.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

5) 29 MAY 1981 *cm*



Scottish Development Department
New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

Telephone 031-556 8400 ext

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR FIELD

The Divisional Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
Brora
NW9 6QN

Your reference *HBF/CM*

Our reference

R/TM/SD/12 part A
Date

27 May 1981

Dear Sir

A9 MOUND BRIDGES
SLUICE KEEPERS HOUSE
MAINS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

I refer to your letter of 19 May about this matter.

Thank you for letting me see the quotation for this work. Unlike you I am not at all surprised at it - from past experience in that field it appears to me to be a very normal charge where an 11,000/240 volt supply is involved over even a short distance. I can confirm there are no finances available this year to enable the work to be carried out and indeed I can see no possibility of finding in future years monies of that order. Such a sum must be a very high percentage of the total value of the house and one of which even a small part would be unlikely to be recovered when the house is eventually sold. I think we ~~have~~ to be reconciled to leaving the house without mains electricity supply unless the present generator develops very serious and expensive maintenance problems.

Yours faithfully

A S MANZIE

Mr. Field

HBP/CM

R/TM/SD/12 part A

28th May, 1981.

For the attention of Mr. A.S. Manzie

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Bridges
Sluicekeeper - Mr. W. Mackay

I refer to your letter of 19th May, 1981 and in particular to the last paragraph and would advise you that during the financial year 1979/80 £120 was spent on these premises which includes a rates charge of £77. In the financial 1980/81 a total of £405.99 was expended £98.25 of this being in respect of rates.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

22nd June, 1982.

North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board,
Highland Area,
South Street,
Elgin. IV30 1JE.

Dear Sirs,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I write with reference to my letter of 19th May, 1981 in connection with your quotation dated 15th May, 1981 under reference RR/LHM/HD16691/19185 and would ask that you now update this quotation in line with current prices.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

11th August, 1982.

North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board,
Highland Area,
South Street,
Elgin. IV30 1JE.

Dear Sirs,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I refer you to my letter of 22nd June, 1982 in connection with your revised quotation for electricity supply to the above residence and now note that I have not heard from you.

I would be pleased therefore to receive your early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

IN DUPLICATE

DUPLICATE to be retained by the Consumer

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD

HIGHLAND AREA, SOUTH STREET, ELGIN

Highland Regional Council,
Divisional Engineer's Office,
Victoria Road,
BRORA. KW9 6QN

Date 1st September, 1982

Your Reference HRP/CM

Any enquiries please quote
this reference: C5/6/IDG/WR/HD16691/
19185

To:

Dear Sir,

QUOTATION FOR A PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT MOUND SLUICE KEEPER'S HOUSE
THE MOUND, GOLSPIE

With reference to your application for a proposed supply of electricity to the above premises, the Board offer to provide such supply on the following terms:

1 TYPE AND VOLTAGE OF SUPPLY

Supply with a capacity of 8 kilowatts would be provided at 240 volts
single Phase 2 Wire with a frequency of 50 hertz.

2 SERVICE DETAILS

The service/meter position would be indicated by the Board's Engineer. This position would normally be established not less than one metre from floor level. You would be required to provide a piped duct for a cable at a depth of 500 millimetres below ground level through the outer wall of the building to the meter position.

For domestic supplies the Board would provide an outdoor meter cupboard free of charge for installation by you at your expense.

3. EARTHING ARRANGEMENTS

* ~~Cable to be installed by the Board~~

4. TARIFF(S) PROPOSED FOR SUPPLY

Standard Domestic (Code 00)

or as amended by the Board on intimation in the Press or any Tariff substituted therefor by the Board on such intimation.

A leaflet giving details of the Board's proposed Tariff(s) and others available is enclosed.

5 CONTRIBUTION AND GUARANTEE OF MINIMUM QUARTERLY REVENUE

You would be required –

- (i) to contribute the sum of £ **5,983** towards the cost, ~~and~~
- (ii) ~~to guarantee Minimum Quarterly Revenue of £~~

The Contribution would be due and payable on the Commencement Date which shall be the date intimated in writing to you as the date the Board is ready to make the supply available or failing such intimation on the date on which supply shall first be taken by you whichever date is the earlier.

~~The Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue would apply from the Commencement Date for the Minimum Period of the Agreement as defined in Clause 6 hereof.~~

~~In respect of the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue you would pay to the Board in each quarter such sum as may be necessary to bring the amount of the charges for electricity under Clause 4 hereof up to the Guarantee of Minimum Quarterly Revenue and sums charged for electricity under Clause 4 hereof in excess of the amount of the Guarantee of Quarterly Minimum Revenue in any quarter of any calendar year would be offset against any sums charged in any quarter of the same year.~~

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inappropriate

11 * ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

~~Additional Conditions applicable to this offer are contained in Appendix I hereto.~~

12 The Board would hope to provide the supply of electricity within 9/12 months of receiving your acceptance of this quotation.

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Yours faithfully,


for Area Commercial Officer

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ACCEPTANCE DOCQUET

REF:- IDG/WR/HD16691/
19185

PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT MOUND SLUICE KEEPER'S HOUSE, THE MOUND, GOLSPIE

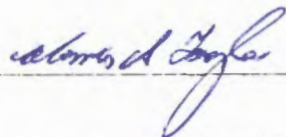
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I/We accept the above quotation dated 1st September, 1982 ~~and the additional Conditions contained in Appendix I~~

Full Name (in Block Capitals, please)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Department of Roads & Transport
SUTHERLAND DIVISIONAL OFFICE, BRORA
M. H. Taylor, C Eng MICE MIMutE MIHE
Divisional Engineer

Signed X



X Date

7/9/82

If a Company please indicate if SECRETARY/MANAGER/PARTNER

Copy: Sluice Keeper
R. Blair
R. Wilson

Mr. Field

IBF/CM

7th September, 1982.

North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board,
Highland Area,
South Street,
Elgin.

Dear Sirs,

Electricity Supply - Mound Sluice Keeper's House

Thank you for your estimate dated 1st September, 1982 under reference
C5/6/IDG/WR/HD16691/19185.

I now confirm that this work should go ahead and I return your form
duly completed together with my official order.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Encs.

R. Blair, Esq.,
Lighting Engineer,
Thurso.

M.H. Taylor, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland Division.
HBF/CM

7/9/82

Mr. Field

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I am arranging for the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board to supply the above and would ask if you would please have the wiring in the house checked with a view to ascertaining its adequacy for this new supply.

If alterations or new wiring is required would you please let Mr. Field know together with an estimate of cost.

Divisional Engineer.

Enc.

MEMORANDUM

14 SEP 1982

To M.H. Taylor, Esq;
Divisional Roads Engineer,
BRORA.

Your ref. HBF/CM

From R.B. Blair,
Area Lighting Engineer,
Caithness & Sutherland.

Our ref. 714/63/1

Date 8th September, 1982.

Please ask for

MOUND SLUICE KEEPER'S HOUSE - ELECTRICAL WIRING.

I am in receipt of your memorandum dated 7th inst; and I shall have my staff check the existing wiring in this dwelling house to ascertain whether it complies with current regulations regarding wiring and number of power points etc.

Should any alterations or re-wiring be required, I shall prepare an estimate of the cost to bring the electrical installation up to current regulation standards.

R.B. Blair

R.B. BLAIR.
AREA LIGHTING ENGINEER.

NOTE FOR FILE

The keys for the Sluice Keeper's house at the Mound were handed to Mr. Armstrong of Faircloughs on Tuesday 21st April 1987.

20th November 1986

For the attention of Mr. J. Jenkins

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

Mound House

I refer to the letter of 21st October 1986 and would suggest that notwithstanding the society being happy enough to occupy these premises during the Contract Works it should not be agreed to.

Consideration should be given to using is as the site offices which relieve us of ongoing maintenance during that period.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



12) 30 OCT 1986 *Cm*

pictish cultural society

21 October 1986

Mr J Richardson
Department of Roads
New St Andrew's House
St James' Centre
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Richardson

POST OFFICE - THE MOUND: INTERIM MUSIC CENTRE

Further to our conversation last Thursday, our committee has now had a chance to discuss the situation at The Mound and propose the following for your consideration:

- a) This Society occupies the premises rent-free on the basis that we keep it wind and water-proof, carry out the necessary repairs to the roof, restore and keep up the appearance of the surrounding grounds.
- b) On the subject of dry-rot, the Society feels it is unable to commit itself until a professional assessment is made. We would however be willing to contribute in principle whatever funds and labour were possible.
- c) As regards the adverse effects of surrounding construction work the Society would be prepared to accept a clause in the lease fore-going any right of complaint.
- d) The Society would require 60 days notice before vacating the premises.
- e) If these points were found acceptable the premises would become, in the hands of the Society, a centre for the administration of live music in the Highland Region and prototype centre for the Pictish culture.

Yours sincerely

B.D. Robertson

BD ROBERTSON - SECRETARY

53, st. leonards, edinburgh 8, tel. 031-667-4222

Registered in Scotland as a Charity ED 289/85

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

R/TM/HD/12 PTA

6/6/86

For the attention of Mr. J. Richardson

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sirs,

Sluicekeeper's Cottage - Mound A9, Sutherland

Further to your letter of 2nd June, 1986 I can advise that there are no major defects other than the encroachment of woodworm which is rife in the timbering. Obviously minor items such as the refixing of doors where these have been nailed up and the unboarding of windows etc. would be seen by any potential client.

It is my suggestion that a full examination be carried out if you consider it necessary after the completion of the bridge contract.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



Scottish Development Department

New St Andrew's House
Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

4 JUN 1986

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GTN 2034

Telex 727301

Divisional Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineers Office
Victoria Road
BRORA
KW9 6QN

Your ref

710.22.06 HBF/CM

Our ref

R/TM/H/D/12 PTA

Date

May 1986

2 June

Dear Sir

SLUICEKEEPER COTTAGE, AT THE MOUND

I should be grateful if you could advise me of the present condition of the above mentioned property and what remedial works will be required before the property is advertised for sale on the open market. The cottage will of course not be advertised for sale until the Trunk Road proposals for the mound are completed.

I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

Yours faithfully

James Richardson

J RICHARDSON

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

HGA/A/NH

3rd April, 1984.

Scottish Development Department,
Historic Buildings Branch,
25 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh. EH3 7RN.

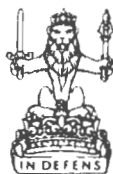
Dear Sirs,

Mound Bridge Keeper's Cottage

I refer to your communication dated 14th March, 1984 which was delivered to Sutherland District Council in Golspie and would inform you that the building in question is owned by the Scottish Development Department and under the jurisdiction of the Chief Road Engineer.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



Scottish Development Department

Historic Buildings Branch

25 Drumsheugh Gardens Edinburgh EH3 7RN

Telephone 031-226 3611/4 ext 287 or 288

2 MAR 1984

Your reference

The Owner Lessee or Occupier

Mound Bridge - Keepers cottage
Galspie
Sutherland

Our reference

HGH/A/ HN
Date

14-3 84

Dear Sir/Madam

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURE OR HISTORIC INTEREST

1. I am writing to you as the owner, lessee or occupier of the above-named property to let you know that it has been selected for inclusion in the Combined Statutory and Descriptive List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest compiled by the Secretary of State. If you are not the owner of this property I should be grateful if you would, after reading this letter, send it on to the owner for his information.
2. The list has been given legal effect and copies have been deposited with your District and Regional Councils. Any member of the public who wishes to do so may inspect the list at the council offices.
3. On receiving copies of the Combined Statutory and Descriptive List from this Department, planning authorities are required by law to serve formal notices of listing on the owners, lessees or occupiers of buildings included in the lists so you will receive a communication from the Council in due course. With the formal notice they will send you an explanatory booklet which outlines the law relating to listed buildings. The notice itself is in a legal form but I thought I should write to you in advance to explain something of what the Secretary of State had in mind in listing your property.
4. Scotland is fortunate in possessing a great wealth and variety of good architecture representing all periods from mediaeval times onwards and a great diversity of local traditions and styles. These buildings contribute a great deal to the character of our towns and villages. The Secretary of State realises of course that many of those who receive this letter are already fully aware of the value of their properties in this context and may indeed have spent a great deal of time and money in repairing and restoring them.
5. Most buildings are listed solely on account of their architectural interest. Where a building possesses an historic interest this is usually referred to briefly in the list. It may happen however that some people who live in houses of historic interest have been able to find out more about their history than is likely to be available in our records. If you have any such information we should be happy to receive it and keep it permanently recorded.
6. If, before you receive the material mentioned in paragraph 3 above, you need to know the legal effect of buildings being listed please ask your planning authority or this office for a copy of the explanatory booklet "Scotland's Listed Buildings - a guide to their protection".

Yours faithfully


A. GRIEVE

3) 22 JUN 1983 CW



Scottish Development Department

New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

Telex 727301

Telephone 031-556 8400 ext

4173

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: MR FIELDS

Divisional Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
BRORA KW9 6QN

Your reference

710.22.06 HBF/CM

Our reference

R/TM/SD/12

Date

20 June 1983

Dear Mr Field

MOUND SLUICEKEEPER'S HOUSE

I refer to previous correspondence in connection with this property and have to advise you that having considered the advanced state of woodworm that exists the Department has decided to abandon the proposals to let the house.

When the trunk road proposals for the Mound have been confirmed the house will, if it remains unaffected, be advertised for sale on the open market. In the meantime I should be obliged if you could make the necessary arrangements to have the property securely boarded up.

I will advise those people who enquired to Department about the property of our decision.

Yours sincerely

G MCGUIRE

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

R/TM/SD/12

8th April, 1983.

For the attention of Mr. G. McGuire

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

Further to your letter dated 31st March, 1983 I confirm that I am now in a position to act as factor for the above property when it has been let.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

14 - 5 APR 1983 cm



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Your reference

7 10.22.06 HBF/CM

Our reference

R/TM/SD/12

Date 31 March 1983

Dear Sir

MOUND SLUICE KEEPER'S HOUSE

I thank you for your letter of 21 March and confirm that other parties have intimated their interest in this property to the Department.

All transactions in respect of the leasing or selling of this property will, as with all properties owned by the Department, be carried out by or in consultation with the Department's solicitors. In the meantime, until road proposals for the area are confirmed, the house is to be advertised in the local press for rent at a price yet to be set by the District Valuer. Thereafter the selected tenant will be expected to agree the terms of the lease which will be legally binding on both parties.

I trust that this clarifies the situation for you and that you will now be able to advise me that your Council is prepared to continue to act as factor for this property when it has been let.

Yours faithfully

G McGuire

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

R/TM/SD/12

21st March, 1983.

For the attention of Mr. G. McGuire

Chief Road Engineer,
Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Sir,

Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I thank you for your letter dated 16th March, 1983 and would advise that not only Mrs. Macdonald (whose letter was not enclosed) but also other parties have approached me with regard to the purchase of these premises.

I appreciate the point you have made with regard to any proposed changes in the Trunk Road line but no doubt you will hear internally on this point.

I would have thought then with the complications which may ensue that all transactions in respect of this property be carried out either by a firm of solicitors or other specialists in this field.

I would be pleased to have your views thereon before proceeding further.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



Scottish Development Department

New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

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14) 18 MAR 1983 *CW*

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR GREAVE

Divisional Engineer
Department of Roads & Transport
Highland Regional Council
Divisional Engineer's Office
Victoria Road
Brora KW9 6QN

Your reference
710.22.06 HBF/CM
Our reference
R/T/SD/12
Date
/6 March 1983

Dear Sir

MOUND SLUICEKEEPERS HOUSE

I refer to our recent correspondence and telephone conversation in connection with this property.

It was the Departments intention to dispose of the house now that Mr McKay has vacated it. However we must retain ownership until the proposals for trunk road works at the Mound have been confirmed. Could you please confirm therefore that your Council would be prepared to continue acting as the Department's factor for this property and inform me of any likely tenants other than Mrs J Macdonald who would be interested in renting the house. A copy of Mrs Macdonald's letter to the Department is enclosed for your information. *Not enclosed*

Any lease entered into by the Department would be on a monthly basis and terminated by one months notice given in writing by either party. Rental will be as recommended by the District Valuer.

Yours faithfully

G M G
G McGUIRE

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

18th March, 1983.

Mr. Wallace Mackay,
Sheltered Houses,
Rogart.

Dear Mr. Mackay,

Presentation

You will by now have heard from Mr. Corbett that the Highland Regional Council has arranged a small presentation to mark your retirement and this will be held in the Rogart Hotel at 2 p.m. on Monday.

It is intended that Regional Councillor Macrae will make the presentation and I would hope therefore that there will be no problem in at least yourself and your wife attending.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM 710.22.06

JMG/MAM/S36

9th February, 1983.

R.M. Gunn, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Water & Sewerage,
Miller Street,
Wick.

Dear Sir,

Branch to Mound House, Dornoch

I thank you for your letter dated 2nd February, 1983 arising from which Mr. Field discussed the matter with Mr. Green and confirmed that the work should go ahead this financial year.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

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Highland

Department of Water and Sewerage

R. M. Gunn, B.Sc., (Eng.), C.Eng.,
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Please ask for

Mr. Green

Our ref

JMG/MAM/S36

Extension No

Your ref

HBF/CM

Date **2 February 1983**

M.H. Taylor Esq
Divisional Engineer
Department of Roads and Transport
Victoria Road
BRORA
KW9 6QN

Dear Mr. Taylor

SUTHERLAND BRANCH MAINS

BRANCH TO THE MOUND HOUSE, DORNOCH

I refer to your letter of 29 December 1982 and note that you wish this Department to do the necessary work to connect the Mound House to the public system and include it in the final costs.

Mr. Polson has now investigated the existing private pipe that supplies Mound House and it is in perfect condition and suitable for connecting to the new public system. You will therefore only be charged a standard connection charge as laid down by the Highland Regional Council and as this is due to be increased in the new financial year I would recommend that you complete the attached application form and return it to Mr. Polson as soon as possible.

On completion of the work I will inform you of your contribution to the actual mainlaying but providing the work does not exceed £10,800 this will be nil.

I hope to complete the work in this financial year.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT M. GUNN

Divisional Engineer

Encs.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

W&S 13A
(Rev. 8/81)

Application Form — Water Supplies and Services

Attention is drawn to the Schedule of Charges provided with this Application Form. If no such Schedule has been provided or if the same has been mislaid further copies of the said Schedule may be obtained from the appropriate Divisional Engineer at the addresses below or from the Water and Sewerage Department, Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness. The appropriate charges for the work arising from this application will be payable in terms of the said Schedule. In the event of all or any of the charges being altered before approval of this Application the Council reserve the right to charge and the applicant undertakes to pay such altered or additional charge as may be applicable. Any acceptance or approval of this Application by the Council is conditional on the applicant **MAKING PAYMENT OF THE APPROPRIATE CHARGE IN ADVANCE** of the commencement of work.

An account for the appropriate charge will be issued on receipt of the completed Application Form. Approval of the Application will not be given until after the account has been paid and all other relevant conditions met.

To The Divisional Engineer,
Highland Regional Council,
Water and Sewerage Department.

FOR OFFICIAL USE

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Henderson Drive, Longman North, Inverness
Tel Inverness 34121

NORTHERN DIVISION

Miller Street, WICK
Tel Wick 2472

CENTRAL DIVISION

Burn Place, DINGWALL
Tel Dingwall 63381

or

Woodlands, DORNOCH
Tel. Dornoch 363

Application No.
Area
Val. Roll No.
L.P.A. No.
Rd. Opening Permit No.
Building Water Charge
Approved by Date
Job. No. Cptd.
A/c No(s) Paid

Description of Premises (e.g. House, Shop, Farm etc.)

..... Completely New Building ☐

..... Alteration/Renovation ☐

(Please Tick ✓)

APPLICATION FOR: 1. A water supply for DOMESTIC NON DOMESTIC Purposes

Delete items 2. Permission to Alter/Service Pipe/and/Fittings

which are 3. A supply of Water for BUILDING purposes

not applicable 4. DISCONNECTION of/Service Pipe/and/Fittings

Site of Premises

(Parish

Owner

Occupier

Subject to the terms of the Water Scotland Act 1980, and the Local Government Scotland Act, 1973.

1 I hereby apply to have connected with the MAIN PRIVATE SERVICE PIPE a pipe for serving the above-named premises with Water for DOMESTIC NON-DOMESTIC purposes. The piping and fittings to be installed are scheduled overleaf.

Delete items 2 I hereby apply for permission to alter the water fittings (as per Schedule) at the above-named premises.
which are 3 I hereby apply for a Supply of Water to be made available for BUILDING purposes at the above named premises
not applicable

(Please Note) For the building work involved the total estimated cost as shown on Planning Application form is £..... and the necessary/ Planning/ and/ Building Authority/ consents have been obtained.

4. I hereby apply to have the above named premises and fittings as scheduled DISCONNECTED from the Council's water main

I confirm that all works and fittings will be in accordance with such Water Byelaws and other Regulations of the Council as are from time to time in force. The Schedule of piping and fittings covered by this application is as shown overleaf.

The work is to be carried out by Plumber's Name
and Address
Tel. No in Block Letters

and the approximate starting date is

I, the signatory, hereby undertake to make payment on demand to the Highland Regional Council of all charges arising from this application.

In this space above your Signature please write these words "Adopted as Holograph"

Signature of Applicant

Full Name and Address (Block Letters)

Mr. Mrs. Miss

Date

REMARKS

Please Continue Overleaf

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

CHARGES FOR WATER SUPPLIES

Extract from the Schedule of Terms and Conditions on which the Council are prepared to give a supply under the provisions of the Water (Scotland) Act, 1980 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Copies of the Schedule may be obtained on demand from the Director of Water & Sewerage, Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness (Tel. Inverness 34121) or any of the Divisional Offices at the addresses given below. Charges in the Schedule are effective from 1st April 1982 and may from time to time be amended by the Council, the consumer being charged at the rate then applicable.

A. Metered Supplies: with effect from 1st April 1982:-

per cubic metre - 13.97p., per 1000 gallons - 63.5p

Minimum quarterly meter charge for size of meter:-

Up to 25 mm (1")	- £12.50	50 mm (2")	- £25	100 mm (4")	- £100
31 mm (1¼")	- £15.	62 mm (2½")	- £50	150 mm (6")	- £175
37 mm (1½")	- £20.	75 mm (3")	- £80	200 mm (8")	- £300.

Augmentation Supplies: Where a metered supply is used only to augment a private supply, the minimum quarterly meter charge shall be three times that shown above.

B. Non-Metered Supplies: Annual charge for supply for whole or part of financial year in addition to Domestic Water Rate:

Taps, non-rated - £12 per tap: Caravans - £12 per caravan: Field Troughs - £12 per trough
Drinking bowls or individual feeders in courts - £6 per bowl
Drinking bowls or individual feeders in byres - £1.50 per bowl
In all other cases - £12 minimum charge.

C. Water for Building Purposes

1. For water for the erection of new buildings, alteration and reconstruction for whatever purpose, 0.25% of overall costs including associated roads and sewers up to an estimated construction cost of £500,000 and 0.15% of the excess over £500,000.
For water for modernisation and rehabilitation of buildings where the main structure has not been significantly altered, 0.1% of overall costs including associated roads and sewers.
2. No charge for water used for work estimated to cost less than £5,000.
3. On major building or engineering projects over £500,000 metered water may be supplied at three times the standard rate as in (A) above, and the minimum quarterly charge will be three times the quarterly meter charge as in (A) above.

D. Connection Charges: For all connections not exceeding 1" diameter, a fixed charge of £90 for the first metre length of pipe plus £9 per metre thereafter up to a maximum of 10 metres. Where the consumer, only with the prior permission of the Divisional Engineer, excavates and backfills the track at his own expense, the charge per metre will be reduced by £2.50. Other sizes and lengths of connection outwith the above range - actual cost, including oncost, travelling time, vehicles, cost of road restoration and inspection.

E. Fire Hydrants, Public & Private: Not normally permitted to be used for purposes other than firefighting. Further information available on demand from the offices of the Water & Sewerage Department.

F. Applications for New Connections, additional or increased supplies, changes in existing supplies, or disconnections, are to be made on a water supply application form obtainable on demand from the appropriate Divisional Engineer at the address given below:-

SOUTHERN DIVISION, Henderson Drive, INVERNESS
CENTRAL DIVISION, Burn Place, DINGWALL
NORTHERN DIVISION, Miller Street, WICK
NORTHERN DIVISION SUB OFFICE, Woodlands, DORNOCH

Tel. Inverness 34121
Tel. Dingwall 63381
Tel. Wick 2472
Tel. Dornoch 363

Copy: Director of Roads and
Transport
Director of Finance

Director of Manpower
Services.

M.H. Taylor, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland Division.
710.22.06 RJW/CM

7/2/83

Mr. Wilson

W. Mackay, Sluice Keeper, The Mound, Dornoch

I enclose herewith letter of resignation from the above employee and also Form SAL(1).

Records held by the Salaries Department show Mr. Mackay on the payroll since 1948, however Mr. Mackay informs me that he was appointed by a Sutherland County Council Roads Committee in March, 1936 and commenced on 28th May, 1936. This would tie in with correspondence I have from him in 1950 regarding the tenancy of the house.

It could be that the Council may wish to recognise Mr. Mackay's long service and for this purpose I have forwarded a copy of this letter to my Director for his action.

Divisional Engineer.

Encs.

16) 31 JAN 1983 *cm*

cl i r's House,

The Mound,

Dornoch.

29th January, 1983

The Divisional Engineer,
Roads & Transport Dept.
HRC Divisional Roads Offices,
BROPA.

Dear Sir,

I refer to my tenancy of the above house, and my caretaker position with the Council for the Sluices,

Please accept herewith my resignation as of 28th February, from my position with the Council, and my notice of cessation of my tenancy of this house as of the same date.

The reasons for this step derive from the fact that I have been allocated the lease of a District Council Elderly persons' house in Rogart, which will in every way be more suitable for my wife and myself at our age.

Yours faithfully

J. Mackay

p.p. W. Mackay.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

To Finance (Salaries and Wages) Department
Regional Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX
Delete where) A. ~~Particulars of new employee~~
not) B. ~~Change in salary of existing employee~~
Applicable) C. Resignation of employee

Date 14TH FEBRUARY 1983
Reason: - CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

* Department / ~~School~~ ROADS & TRANSPORT
Division SUTHERLAND
Full Name *Mr./~~Mrs/Miss~~ WALLACE MACKAY Ref. No.
Address SLUICEKEEPERS HOUSE, THE MOUND, DORNACH
Date of Birth
Post Held CAKETAKER - MOUND SLUICES
* Officer / ~~Servant~~ * Permanent / Temporary
Date Commenced Date Resigned 28-2-83 (Complete next line)
Holiday Entitlement at date of leaving * All taken / Still due NIL days
Grade
Commencing Salary
Increment Date
Standard Deductions
(Board, Rent etc.)
Standard Allowances
(Uniform, Subsistence, etc.)
Allocation of Salary, if any (enter as percentage)
Whether permit received under Registered Disabled Persons Act, 1944 * Yes/No Permit No.
P. 45 * Attached / Not Attached
National Insurance Number Certificate of reduced liability or earners
non-liability * Attached/Not Attached.
If employee is to hold more than one post at the same time with this Council give details

Details of previous employment (if any) with this Council
Signed R.T. Wilson
Head of Department SEN. COST ASSIS.

* Delete which not applicable

FOR FINANCE (SALARIES AND WAGES) DEPARTMENT ONLY

Date Received
Entered in Salaries Register
Added to List of Employees under Registered Disabled Persons Act, 1944
Documentation Completed by Date

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

4th February, 1983.

For the attention of Mrs. M.W. Grigor

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh. EH1 3SZ.

Dear Mrs. Grigor,

Properties Factored on behalf of the Secretary of State
The Mound Sluice Keeper's House, Sutherland

I have just received the resignation of the Sluice Keeper, Mr. W. Mackay and do not consider that in view of the amount of work which is required in connection with the sluices that there is a necessity to provide a replacement for this post.

This therefore raises the question with regard to the Sluice Keeper's House and in this respect I had budgeted for next financial year the sum of £5,500 for a supply from the Hydro Electric Board together with the sum of £1,300 for a permanent water supply. To this should be added the cost of works currently being undertaken to bring the electrical wiring to a suitable standard for a mains supply.

However in view of Mr. Mackay's resignation I would wish to know whether I am to proceed with any or all of the above noted works as no doubt the Hydro Electric Board and the Department of Water & Sewerage of the Highland Regional Council will be programming their supplies in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

710.22.06 HBF/CM

4th February, 1983.

Mr. W. Mackay,
Sluice Keeper's House,
The Mound,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Appointment with Highland Regional Council

I thank you for your letter of 29th January, 1983 intimating your resignation from your post as Sluice Keeper and also from the tenancy of the Scottish Development Department House at the Mound.

I can fully understand your reasons for so doing and take this opportunity of thanking you for your assistance and wishing yourself and your wife a pleasant stay in Rogart.

I have informed the Director of Finance of your resignation and no doubt any documentation will be sent to you.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

JMG/MAM/S36

29th December, 1982.

R.M. Gunn, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Water & Sewerage,
Miller Street,
Wick.

Dear Sir,

Sutherland Branch Mains
Branch to the Mound House, Dornoch

Further to your letter of 20th December, 1982 I confirm you should go ahead with this scheme at the increased cost but must advise that there is no funding from the Scottish Development Department for this financial year and therefore all accounts should be submitted during the financial year 1983/84.

I am rather disappointed to be told that further work will be needed from Cuilfail to the Mound House and would indicate that no allowance has been made for this in my estimates. I would therefore request that when your Department is carrying out the provision of the main that they also make this extension and include it in the overall final cost.

I would therefore be pleased to learn from you in view of this alteration and also the reduction in number of users what the final estimate is likely to be after which I shall submit it to the Scottish Development Department requesting presumably an increase in funds.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



4) . 1982 cm

Highland

Department of Water and Sewerage

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Please ask for

Mr. Green

Our ref

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Extension No

Your ref

HBF/CM

Date 20 December 1982

M.H. Taylor Esq
Divisional Roads Engineer
Department of Roads and Transport
Victoria Road
BRORA
Sutherland

Dear Sir

SUTHERLAND BRANCH MAINS

BRANCH TO THE MOUND, DORNOCH

I refer to my earlier letter of 4 November and your reply of 8 November.

Since I wrote to you the owner of the Old Station House at The Mound has written to say that he does not require a public water supply and this means that the allowable expenditure for "Cuilfail" and "Mound House" is now £10,800.

My Superintendent, Mr. Polson, has inspected the route of the main with the Digger Driver and the Mainlayer and he is of the opinion that due to the very good ground conditions it should be possible to do the work within that figure.

However, I have to ask you that if the final costs do exceed £10,800 you will accept 50% of the excess costs. You will appreciate that Mr. Polson will of course personally ensure that the work is done as efficiently as possible.

I did not state in my earlier letter that you will also require to lay your own service pipe from the garden of "Cuilfail" to "Mound House" and I would recommend that you instal a stop cock at that point to control your supply. If you require further details about that aspect of the work please contact Mr. Polson.

An early reply would be appreciated because I hope to get permission to lay the main during February 1983.

Yours faithfully

ROBERT M. GUNN

Divisional Engineer

11 NOV 1982 *am*

F. Hayward, M.R.S.A.S.
Director of Environmental Health,
Master of Works.

Telephone Dornoch 491

The Meadows,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland IV25 3SG.

Your Ref.

My Ref. ASF/SB/HSA

Date 18th November, 1982.

Mr. M. H. Taylor,
Divisional Engineer,
H.R.C.,
Victoria Road,
BkORA

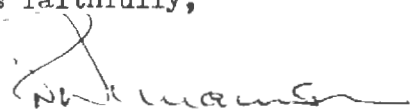
Dear Sir,

A9/Mound House

I refer to my letter of 29th October and to the subsequent telephone conversation between Mr. Fraser my District Inspector and your Mr. Field and regret to confirm that grant aid will not be available for the works you propose.

I have consulted the SDD Housing Section who inform me that Improvement Grants may not be awarded for the improvement of Crown properties.

Yours faithfully,


Depute Director of Environmental Health.

Mr. Field

HRF/CM

JMG/MAM/S36

8th November, 1982.

R.M. Gunn, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Water & Sewerage,
Miller Street,
Wick.

Dear Sir,

Sutherland Branch Mains

Further to your letter dated 4th November, 1982 in connection with a permanent water supply to the Mound House I can indicate that I would be more than willing to request funds from the Scottish Development Department for this purpose. However my proposed budget for the forthcoming financial year has not yet been submitted and I have therefore no way of ensuring that funds would be made available. It would be my hope though that there would be no problem and that this scheme which would serve all three premises could go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



Highland

Department of Water and Sewerage

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Please ask for

Mr. Green

Our ref

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Extension No

Your ref

Date 4 November 1982

M. Taylor Esq
Divisional Roads Engineer
Highland Regional Council
Victoria Road
BRORA
Sutherland

Dear Sir

SUTHERLAND BRANCH MAINS

I refer to your telephone conversation with Mr. Green concerning a water supply to the three properties at The Mound. As stated the estimated cost for extending the public water main along the side of the A9 is £20,000 and the reasonable cost limit recently set by the Water and Sewerage Committee allows £16,200 ie £5,400 per house.

Any costs in excess of that figure have to be met by the individual owners which in this case is £1,233 per house. The actual contribution will be based on the final measurement and could be higher or lower than estimated but having inspected the ground conditions in the area, I think it is more likely to be lower.

An early reply would be appreciated because Mr. Smellie is very keen to get a connection to the public system as he and his wife are finding it more and more difficult to maintain their private supply.

Yours faithfully

ROBERT M. GUNN

Divisional Engineer

R. Blair, Esq.,
Lighting Engineer,
Thurso.

M.H. Taylor, Esq.,
Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland Division.
HBF/CM

2/11/82

Mr. Field

A9 Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Hayward together with details of a Hydro-Electric Turbo-Generator and would ask for your comments as to their suitability for use at the Mound.

I must say however that the whole object of the exercise of installing mains electricity is to do away with maintenance of smaller types of equipment.

Divisional Engineer.

Enc.

F. Hayward, M.R.S.A.S.
Director of Environmental Health,
Master of Works.

Telephone Dornoch 491

The Meadows,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland IV25 3SG.

Your Ref.

My Ref. FH/SB/HSA

Date 29th October, 1982.

Mr. M. H. Taylor C. Eng., M.I.C.E.,
Divisional Engineer,
Highland Regional Council,
Roads and Transport Department,
Victoria Road,
BRCRA.

Dear Sir,

Housing Improvement
A9 Mound Sluice Keeper's House

I refer to your letter of 25th October in connection with the provision of an electricity supply to the above house at an estimated cost of £7,000.

The question of Scottish Development Department as owners being eligible for grant is presently being investigated, but should the answer be favourable I would suggest there are two lines of approach to the problem -

1. The connection to mains electricity, in which case the owner of the neighbouring house "Cuilfail" should be contacted to share the provision and cost.
2. In view of the high installation cost and possible equally high unit charges thereafter, it may be advantageous to consider the installation of a private Hydro-Electric Turbo-Generator as manufactured by MacKellar Engineering Ltd., Grantown-on-Spey (Brochure enclosed). The Mound sluice would appear to provide an ideal location for this equipment and, although initial installation would be only marginally less than a mains connection, the running cost thereafter would be infinitely cheaper.

Again it is possible that there would be sufficient power generated for both properties and costs might be shared.

Meantime a visit will be made to the house by the District Environmental Health Officer to determine any additional works which may be required for grant purposes.

Yours faithfully,

F. Hayward.

Director of Environmental Health.

Enc.

Mr. Field

HBF/CM

25th October, 1982.

F. Hayward, Esq.,
Director of Environmental Health,
Sutherland District Council,
Meadows,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

A9 Mound Sluice Keeper's House

The Scottish Development Department who own the above residence have authorised me to arrange for the installation of an electricity supply and the rewiring of the premises if required.

I am therefore writing to ask whether any grants are available from the local authority to assist in the funding of this project which will cost approximately £7,000.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Engineer.



14 OCT 1982 *cm*

Highland

Memorandum

To M.H. Taylor Esq;
Divisional Engineer,
SUTH LA ID.

From R.B. Blair,
Area Lighting Engineer,
Caithness & Sutherland.

Your ref

Our ref 714/63/56

Date 9 October, 1982

When writing or calling please ask for Mr. Blair.

RE-WIRING OF KEEPER'S HOUSE AT THE MOUND

Further to our telephone discussion on Thursday, 7th inst; I hereby confirm in writing that the house at presently occupied by the lock keeper at the mound will have to be completely re-wired and brought up to standard.

An estimate for carrying out this work will be approximately £1000 and the existing generator would be suitable for lighting some of your more remote salt dums where no electricity supply is available.

I would be grateful if you would inform me at your earliest if this re-wiring is to go ahead so that I may order my materials in time.

Ronald B. Blair

R.B. Blair,
AREA LIGHTING ENGINEER,
CAITHNESS & SUTHERLAND.

MEMORANDUM

9) 7 OCT 1982 *an*

To Divisional Engineer,
Sutherland

From Director of Roads & Transport

Your ref.

Our ref. 318 DRB/LI/C

Date 6/10/82

Please ask for Mr. Bird

Properties Factored on Behalf of the Secretary of State

Attached are copies of correspondence relating to the Sluicekeeper's Cottage at the Mound, for information and action regarding clauses (d) and (e) in the new terms of management. Any repairs and maintenance on this property should henceforth be charged to revenue job 09A860-48 to enable me to account separately to the Scottish Development Department. Any such expenditure which has already been charged to Trunk Road Maintenance in 1982-83 may be transferred to the above job number, if desired.



Principal Cost Accountant

Enc.



Scottish Development Department

New St Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3SZ

Telex 727301

Telephone 031-556 8400 ext 4680

Principal Cost Accountant
Department of Roads & Transport
Highland Regional Council
Regional Buildings
Glenurquhart Road
INVERNESS
IV3 5NX

Your reference
318 DRB/LI/C

Our reference
R/TM/H

Date

27 September 1982

Dear Sir

PROPERTIES FACTORED ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I refer to your letter of 7 September on the above subject and clarification of the points raised are as follows:

1. 7 Blackwells Street, Dingwall

i. noted.

ii. Rent as quoted. We have on record that at one point the property was sub-let to a Mr Ian MacAllister but that was some years ago. Rates are paid by the occupier.

iii. The date of the last rent review was 1968.

iv. The Department intend to dispose of this property.

v. Copy of lease enclosed.

2. Shop at Tomatin

i. Agreed.

ii. Agreed.

iii. The Department are at present in correspondence with Messrs Munro and Noble solicitors acting for Mrs Mackay with a view to selling this property.

iv. Copy of lease enclosed.

3. Sluicekeeper's Cottage, The Mound, Sutherland

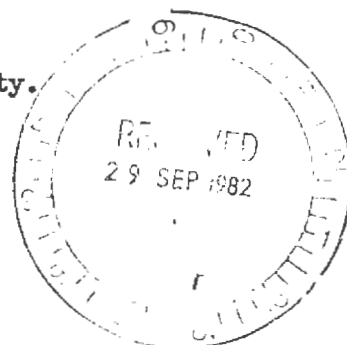
We have no documented information on the original agreement entered into with Mr Mackay however I enclose a copy of a new agreement signed by Mr Mackay in February 1981.

I trust that the above information will be sufficient.

Yours faithfully

Maria W Grigor

MRS M W GRIGOR





Highland

Department of Roads and Transport
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Please ask for Mr. Field

Our ref HBF/CM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 2nd February, 1981.

Mr. Wallace Mackay,
Sluicekeeper,
The Mound,
Dornoch.

Dear Sir,

Conditions of Service

I refer to Mr. Field's discussions with you in connection with the above and am now pleased to confirm your conversation with him on 27th January, 1981 as follows:-

1. You would continue with the inspection and emergency operations of the sluices as necessary reporting to my staff should there be any emergency.
2. For carrying out this duty you will be allowed the continued occupancy of the Mound House free of rent or maintenance as before.
3. That you would be paid the sum of £5 per month to continue the functions noted in 1 above.

I trust you will find this a correct record of your discussions with Mr. Field and would ask you to sign and return to me in the attached stamp addressed envelope the second copy of this letter so that I may forward it to the Scottish Development Department.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Engineer.

Wm Mackay
The Mound
Dornoch

Scottish Development Department,
New St. Andrew's House,
St. James Centre,
Edinburgh. LH1 3SZ.

Dear Sirs,

Properties Factored on Behalf of Secretary of State

I refer to your letter dated 9th August 1982, which has only just been received in this Department. The new Terms of Management are reasonable, but before confirming my acceptance of them I would like to clarify various points with you, as noted below. The details of rent and rates were agreed last year with your Mr. G. McGuire under reference R/TM/H, but for convenience these are reproduced below.

1) 7, Blackwells Street, Linwall

- (i) Please note that the address of this property is Blackwells Street, not Blackwell Street.
- (ii) Rent of £84 p.a. (payable quarterly in advance) is collected from the tenant, W.M. Cameron. It is known that he has sub-let the property, the present occupier being Werner Schroder (according to our rates records). Rates are payable by the occupier.
- (iii) The rent has not been reviewed for at least 8 years.
- (iv) It is believed that you intend to dispose of this property when Mr. Cameron gives up his tenancy, and it is therefore assumed that you require the house to be kept in a good state of repair.

2) Shop at Tomatin

- (i) Rent of £40 p.a. (payable quarterly in advance) is collected from the tenant, Mrs. J. Mackay.
- (ii) The rent has not been reviewed for at least 6 years.
- (iii) Attached are copies of various correspondence with yourselves between 1977 and 1980 indicating that these premises are in a very poor state of repair. It would be helpful, therefore, if you could advise me what plans you have for this property, since this will affect the standard of maintenance required under Clause (d) of the Terms of Management.

7/9/82

3) Sluicekeeper's Cottage, The Mound, Sutherland

- (1) Occupied by W. Mackay (sluice keeper) rent free. Following correspondence between the Divisional Engineer and yourselves about two years ago, Mr. Mackay's salary was reduced to £60 p.a. to take account of the rent-free accommodation. Expenditure on rates and repairs on this property has been charged to Trunk Roads Maintenance, but henceforth it will be accounted to you directly, as specified in the new Terms of Agreement.

I have paid over to you all rent collected up to 30th September 1981, and will render the next account for rent and repairs up to 31st March 1983.

Finally, it would be helpful if you could supply me with a copy of each of the three leases in order that we can interpret Clause (d) of the Terms of Management.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Cost Accountant

Copy sent to Mr C Silver, Law + Admin Dept.



SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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D.R.T.

Highland Regional Council
Regional Buildings
Glenurquhart Road
Inverness

Please reply to The Secretary

Your reference

Our reference
R/TM/2 Pt A

Date
9 Aug 1982

Dear Sir

PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND AND FACTORED BY
HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

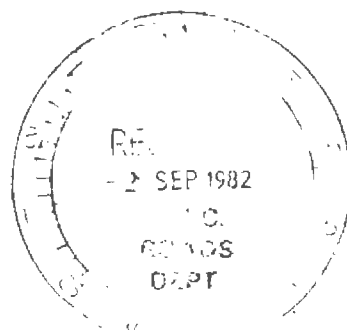
The Department owns various properties, purchased in advance of road improvement schemes, which are leased to tenants until such time as they are required for roadworks or disposed of as being outwith the area affected by the works. A note of the properties in your area which are factored on our behalf by your Council in return for a fee is attached.

The fee is at present 5% of the gross receipts less rates. The Department has, however decided following consultation with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to increase this fee to 10% from 1 April 1982 subject to your agreement to the new terms of management set out in the attached note. These new terms should be applied to each of the properties factored by you on our behalf and I should be glad to have your acceptance of them.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. R. J. R. J. R.

M T APPOLTER



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PROPERTIES FACTORED BY HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

7 Blackwell Street, Dingwall

Shop at Tomatin, Inverness

Sluicekeepers Cottage, The Mound, Sutherland

Property owned by Secretary of State for Scotland

Terms of Management by Councils as Agents
for the Secretary of State for Scotland

The Council -

- (a) to supervise the properties:
- (b) to collect the rents, to arrange any necessary adjustments due to any variations in the rates and to increase rents every 3 years on the recommendation of the District Valuer, the recommended figure to be notified by the Secretary of State:
- (c) to pay the rates (where the rent is "inclusive"):
- (d) to arrange for an annual inspection of the property and for the carrying out and payment of satisfactory repairs (other than those which are the responsibility of the tenant under the terms of the lease) considered essential to maintain the property in a habitable condition in the light of all the circumstances including the date, estimated by the Director of Roads, when the property will be affected by trunk road works and the future income from rent and to submit an account of the repairs to the Secretary of State:
- (e) to inform the Secretary of State of any repairs to be carried out the total cost of which is over £100:
- (f) to assist the Secretary of State to obtain fresh tenants and any references that may be required:
- (g) to inform the Secretary of State should the tenant be in arrears for more than four weeks and an acceptable undertaking to pay the arrears has not been made or kept. Full details of the period concerned, the amount due and attempts to recover the arrears should be given. The Secretary of State to be informed immediately if any further payments of rent are received:
- (h) to serve any notices affecting the properties as and when directed by the Secretary of State:
- (i) to render an annual account to the Scottish Development Department, Roads and Transport Division, New St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3SZ, on a date to be notified to the Department at the commencement of the arrangement.

The Secretary of State -

- (a) to conclude all tenancy agreements or other arrangements for the occupation of the property, unless otherwise agreed with the Council and to send a copy of each tenancy agreement to the Council:
- (b) to review rents every 3 years through the District Valuer and notify the Council of the revised figure:
- (c) to pay the Council a management commission of 10% of the gross receipts, excluding rates.