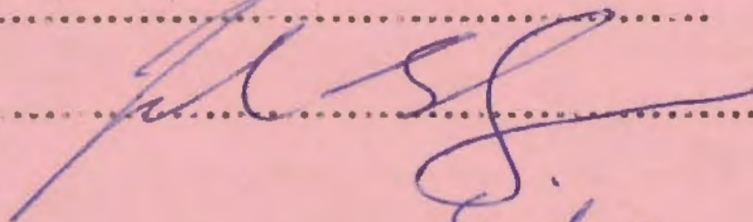


DORNOCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Please find enclosed the AFFILIATION FEE for 1985 (£2) on behalf of

DORNOCH CURLING CLUB


Secretary

Holiday Centre - Dornoch, Sutherland

The Community Centre/Scout Hall is a converted School House situated in the centre of Dornoch. The accommodation is suitable for groups up to 30 in number (plus accompanying adults) and comprises two large rooms, games hall, kitchen, dining room and toilet & washing facilities.

Kitchen : 3 cookers, fridge, cooking utensils, cutlery & crockery. Electric & gas urns

General

Facilities : Television, easy chairs, tressle tables & chairs, table tennis table, staging.

Additional

Facilities : Disco, games and Scouting equipment are available for hire on enquiry.

Electricity: Hot water and heating are paid for via 50p slot meters.

Charges : 50p per head per night, minimum group charge of £15 per weekend or £30 per week.

Local

Facilities : All fresh food can be purchased locally and milk and bread can be ordered in advance if required. Craft shops, toy shop, ice cream parlour etc.
5 minutes walk from unspoilt sandy beaches, woodland, golf course, tennis and squash courts.

Within a 15 mile radius - fishing, pony trekking, swimming pool, bird watching, hill walking.

Car/mini-bus hire is available in Dornoch, which is an ideal touring centre for the Highlands.

Bedding : Groups must bring their own sleeping bags, pillows, linens etc. No bedding is provided. The two large rooms are ideal as dormitories, leaving the games hall free for activities, but groups are free to organise other bedding arrangements.

Conditions : The Community Association can not accept responsibility for any personal injury or loss or damage of property incurred by Groups using the premises.

Any damage caused to the building or contents should be entered in the Visitor's Book and reported to the Secretary. Groups may be liable for repair costs in this case.

SOUTHAMPTON *2nd New Forest North (Standley - Own) SG, S'ton, Hants

Traditional HQ with modern hall in 1½ acres own ground. Ideal for pack holidays or camps. On A31 road 1 mile from Cadnam and New Forest. 8 miles west of Southampton.

Contact: Mrs. M. Arney
"Sidley"
Southampton Road
Cadnam
Southampton
Hants SO4 2NB Tel: 0703-813113

SOUTHAMPTON25th Southampton (Northam) SG, Southampton, Hants.

Group HQ, Princes Street, Northam. near Docks and near group's boating base. Large heated troop room. Toilet. Basic kitchen. Old signals workshop. Primitive but full of character and you can make as much noise as you like without worrying anyone. ½ mile city centre and ¼ mile ferry terminals. Map ref: 196/434128.

Contact: Ray Kennard
9 Beacon Way
Park Gate
Fareham
Hants. Tel: (E) 04895-4364

ST. BEES1st St. Bees Scout Group, St. Bees, Whitehaven, Cumbria

Accommodation up to 20. Summer, Bank Holidays, and weekends. Fitted kitchen/hot water/Fridge/Cooker/utensils. Double toilet/shower block. Camp beds. Centre of village, good beach, attractive countryside. Sea canoeing, sailing, swimming, fell walking, ornithology. £17 per night for 10 persons then 75p per night. Reduction for full week bookings. Map ref: 1" 82/NX972116

Contact: Peter Broughton
Heatherside
Abbey Road
St. Bees, Cumbria. Tel: (D) 0946-3181
extension 434
(E) 0946-822498

STAMFORD2nd Stamford Town Scout Group, Stamford, Lincolnshire

Large hall with Kitchen and toilets. Grass area outside. Suitable outdoor camping. Close to houses, shops. River nearby - Rutland Water 5 miles. Map ref: 141/035080.

Contact: Dave Bishop
26 Drift Avenue
Stamford
Lincs. Tel: (E) 0780-56496

STOCKBRIDGE16th Romsey (Broughton) SG, Broughton, Nr. Stockbridge, Hants

Wooden Scout hut. Kitchen with limited gas cooking facilities. Toilets. Medium size village. One shop/post office and butcher's shop. Wide games area 1 mile.

Map ref: /SU 309327
Contact: Derrick Dawkins
Myne House
Salisbury Road
Broughton
Stockbridge Tel: (D) 079430-398
Hants SO20 8BU (E) as above

STOKE ON TRENTStockton Brook Scout & Guide Group Council, Staffordshire

Modern brick and tile. Main hall 40' x 28'. Meeting room 20' x 28'. Gas central heating. Kitchen with 2 gas stoves. M & F toilets. Large vehicle park and 5000 square yards grassed activity area. adjacent canal. Rural area close A53 main road Stoke on Trent to Leek at foot of Moss Hill. Map ref: 110/918521

Contact: Mrs. B. Brett
50 Malcolm Close
Baddeley Green
Stoke on Trent
Staffs Tel: (D) 0782-541136

SWINDON *1st Stratton St. Margaret Scout Group, Swindon, Wilts.

Large hall, venture room. Kitchen with cooker/fridge/crockery/cutlery etc. Toilets/showers. Large field and car park. Central heating. Map ref: 157/173880

Contact: Mrs. A. King
1 Pipitdene
Covingham
Swindon
Wilts. Tel: 0793-24610

TADWORTH1st Tattenham (St. Marks) SG, Tadworth, Surrey

Activity HQ about 40' square with Leaders rooms. Also large support hut (original HQ) which houses kitchen, toilets, stores etc. On verge of Epsom Downs, ½ mile Tattenham Corner. Station and shops nearby. Map ref: 187/230576.

Contact: Mike Caswell
30 Pine Walk
Woodmansterne
Surrey Tel: 07375-56502

* see notes on back page.

SUTHERLAND VILLAGE HALLS CONFERENCE

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 25 February 1985 at Lairg Community Centre.

1. Present

Mrs Joan Currie, Dornoch Community Centre
Mr Roddy Macleod, Rosehall Public Hall Committee
Mrs Angela MacBeath, Doll Community Association
Mr George MacBeath, Doll Community Association
Mr Joe Beedles, Rogart Village Hall
Mr Sandy Mackenzie, Rogart Village Hall
Mr D Keniston, Lairg Community Association
Mr R M Falconer, Lairg Community Association
Mr J B Docherty, Ardgay Hall Committee
Mrs Rita Finlayson, Helmsdale Community Centre
Mrs Kirst Logie, Helmsdale Community Centre

2. Apologies

Representatives from: Shinness Village Hall
Bonar Bridge and Creich Ratepayers Association
Lochinver Village Hall

3. Mr Bill Ashplant, Chairman of East Sutherland Council of Social Service was in the chair and welcomed everyone to the conference. At the last meeting of East Sutherland Village Halls in November 1983, the possibility of a joint insurance policy was raised. Since then ESCSS asked several insurance companies for quotes, and as £1 million worth of buildings is required for such a policy, the conference was opened up to the whole of Sutherland.

Village Halls representatives gave their present insurance coverage as follows:

<u>Hall</u>	<u>Insurance Company</u>	<u>Annual Premium</u>	<u>Total Cover</u>	<u>Details</u>
Rosehall	General Accident		£ 65,000	Wooden building
Dornoch	"	£315	£160,000 (incl. £6,000 contents)	
Doll	Prudential		£ 45,000 (incl. £2,500 contents)	
Rogart	"	£324	£110,000 (incl. £10,500 contents)	
Helmsdale		£322	£150,000 (incl. £7,500 contents)	
Lairg	Sun Alliance	£245	£220,000 (incl. £10,000 contents)	
Ardgay	Cornhill	£198	£ 70,000 (incl. £9,000 contents)	

Total/

Lochinver

Kimberley

80,000

105,000

105,000

Total of those present = £820,000. Lochinver would definitely be interested in joining, therefore possibly only one more hall would be required to make a joint insurance policy feasible. Also, some of the above halls may decide to increase their cover.

On the question of the best way of valuing a hall, it was generally felt that an architect was best qualified.

Before proceeding, the Chairman asked if everyone wished to pursue the idea of a joint insurance scheme. Those present voted unanimously in favour.

The Chairman asked for proposals for a particular company. Mrs Currie (Dornoch) proposed Commercial Union, whose quotes would cut costs by approximately one third. The Chairman suggested inviting an expert from Commercial Union to meet with Village Hall representatives.

As regards the administration of such a scheme, the Chairman explained that the Council of Social Service was not a continuing agent, but was rather a catalyst body for initiating ideas. In other areas, a federation of village halls could administer the scheme and Mr Ashplant suggested a Federation of Village Halls would be of great benefit to Sutherland.

Mr Falconer, Lairg, as an insurance representative, said it is now difficult to get a bulk insurance policy, therefore it would be very worthwhile taking advantage of the offer.

Mr Ashplant proposed asking one representative from Commercial Union, seconded by Mrs Currie.

Mrs Fyfe counter-proposed asking two representatives to compare policies, seconded by Mr Macleod, Rosehall.

A majority voted in favour of asking one representative from Commercial Union.

Mrs Burnett will invite the representative on behalf of ESCSS for a meeting at Lairg Community Centre on Monday, 25 March at 8.00 pm.

The Chairman asked for further questions on insurance. Mr Mackenzie, Rogart asked if the Prudential could be approached for a quote, as a number of halls have insurance with Prudential at present. Mrs Burnett agreed to do this.

Mr Falconer said that each hall would require to update on their position as concerns insurance each year and this could prove to be an administrative problem. It was generally felt that the insurance company should do this. Mrs Burnett suggested payment be made by bankers order.

As there were no further points on insurance, the chairman thanked everyone for their co-operation, and asked for other matters to be raised.

4. Repairs

Mr Docherty, Ardgay, asked where he could get financial assistance for major roof repairs. The following were suggested:

Sutherland District Council: Responsible for maintenance and repairs, but very little money for giving assistance.

Highland Regional Council: Will not normally assist with repairs, unless for extension to a building.

HIDB: Social Grant per Mr John Watt, HIDB, Inverness.

Beatrice Oil Trust Fund (through Sutherland District Council): Only for groups with charitable status.

Community Councils

Mr Keniston, Lairg suggested it was worthwhile speaking to your MP as regards help for village halls.

Mr Ashplant pointed out that repairs and construction now require 15% VAT payment. It is possible to register for VAT and thus reclaim tax paid, but this would also require dance tickets, etc. to have charges inclusive of VAT and a certain amount of Book-keeping.

5. Water Rates

The Chairman expressed concern that, although village halls have 100% relief of rates, there is no relief of water rates. As the amount of water used by halls is generally considerably less than that used by a house, he felt this issue might be raised by a Federation, if formed. Most hall representatives felt that as they had 100% rate relief, they would prefer not to draw attention to this by raising the issue of water rates.

The Chairman suggested that Mrs Burnett write on behalf of ESCSS to seek the official response on this matter.

6. Electricity

The Hydro Board charges village halls electricity at the commercial rate. Mrs Currie pointed out that Dornoch hall has applied for evening and weekend tariff which offers the cheaper rate at peak times for halls.

7. Bulk Purchasing

Mrs Fyfe handed out a list of cleaning materials and their costs with 10% reduction for bulk buying. The quotes from A & J Beveridge are considerably cheaper, but require only one delivery point. Other companies may be able to offer comparable savings.

8. Charges

The subject of charges for schools as against charges for halls was raised. Mrs Fyfe explained that youth groups, unemployed and educational groups all have use of schools free of charge. In setting up self-help groups, Community Education try to encourage use of village halls where possible, although often schools have the equipment necessary for classes.

Helmsdale Community Centre normally charge £15 for let of the hall, but for the Keep Fit class, for example, they charge 50p per person, no matter how many attend.

Mr Ashplant reiterated the idea that a Federation would be of benefit to all village halls, not just for insurance, but for the opportunity to exchange ideas at an annual meeting.

He thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the meeting.



Highland

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Bryan E. Wood, B.Sc.
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Sutherland Division

Highland Regional Council
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Brora
Sutherland KW9 8PG

Telephone (0408) 21382

Please ask for Mrs Fyfe

Our ref MCF/IRR

Extension No

Your ref

Date 15 March 1985

To: Sutherland Village Halls

Dear Mrs Currie

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the Village Hall Conference held on Monday, 25 February 1985 at Lairg.

I can now confirm that the recall meeting to further discuss a joint insurance policy will take place on Monday, 25 March 1985 at 8.00 pm in Lairg Community Centre. Mr Derek Booth from Commercial Union Insurance Company will be in attendance to answer any questions.

I hope your village hall will be represented at this meeting.

Yours sincerely

Margaret C Fyfe

Mrs Margaret Fyfe
Community Education - Sutherland

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Highland & Islands Fire Brigade

Donald Grant
Firemaster: William Shaw, G.I.Fire.E.

FIRE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

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16 Harbour Road
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Inverness
IV1 1TB



Mrs Joan Currie,
An Cardach,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland.

Telephone
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Fire Prevention Dept: 239767
(STD 0463)

Please address all communications to the Firemaster

If calling or telephoning please ask for

Ext

Your ref.

Our ref. 70/04/01/157
JF/AL

Date 20th March 1985

Dear Mrs Currie,

I refer to your recent letter and to the subsequent inspection of the Dornoch Community Centre, and would comment as follows:-

1. There is no objection to the premises being used for residential accommodation on the clear understanding that the upper floor is used for storage purposes only.
2. Your limit of 30 persons is within the safe occupational capacity of the premises. However, it would be preferable to limit the sleeping areas to the main hall and the games room.
3. The person in charge of the party should be made aware of the fire safety equipment and its operation in the building, and it should be ensured that the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems are tested immediately prior to the arrival of the party.
4. The matters specified in Mr Gardners report to the committee should be acted upon.

Should any further advice or information be required do not hesitate to contact my local Officer at Thurso 63338.

Yours faithfully,

FIREMASTER

SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

D. J. Munro
District Amenities Officer

Telephone Golspie 3192/3

District Offices,
GOLSPIE,
Sutherland KW10 6RB

Your Ref.:

My Ref.:

DJM/MJ

25 April 1985

Dornoch Community Association
per Peter Wild Esq
The Meadows
DORNOCH

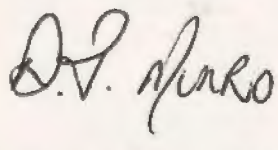
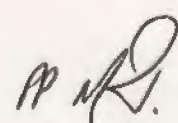
Dear Sir/~~Madam~~

ALL WEATHER FACILITIES - VILLAGE HALL SCHEME

As you are aware the Highlands and Islands Development Board approved funds to encourage the use of Community and Village Hall facilities for tourist related activities during 1983 and 1984. For the 1985 Village Hall Scheme the Board has stepped up its financial aid and made the conditions of opening more flexible to further encourage the expansion of the Scheme into areas not already covered. The Board would also like to encourage halls to extend opening hours to include evenings and to where possible provide outdoor facilities.

The Board have requested this Council to forward details of the Scheme to Community Councils and Hall Associations in the District and I therefore enclose a copy of the 1985 information along with a report on the 1984 Scheme and trust you will publicise it as necessary within your Council area.

Yours faithfully

District Amenities Officer

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Eden Court Theatre

Bishop's Road, Inverness IV3 5SA

Administration (0463) 239841. Box Office 221718

Restaurant 221723

Director: Catherine Robins



Mr. Peter Wild,
Secretary,
Dornoch Social Club,
Dornoch & District Community Assoc.,
Dornoch.

22nd May, 1985.

Dear Peter Wild,

Please find enclosed details of The Para Handy Ceilidh, the first touring venture from Eden Court for several years.

The show opens at Inveraray, Loch Fyne, on August 12th and is to tour the Highlands for four weeks following. We should very much like to bring the production to Dornoch Social Club for a performance in the last week in August or first week September. Can you tell if you think this would be possible?

Yours sincerely,

Paul Godfrey

Paul Godfrey,
Theatre Field Officer.

/Encl.