

Macaulay, convener of Sutherland and several members of Sutherland County Council in the British Legion Club.

Several matters of importance were discussed, principally rural water supplies, for which increased grants are necessary, housing for young married couples without homes of their own, the Brora harbour question, and, of course the proposal to transfer the county clerk's office from Golspie to Dornoch.

CONSIDERABLE work is being done on the stonework of the Bonar bridge - the beautiful bridge connecting Ross-shire and Sutherland. Part of the causeway is closed to traffic while the old layers are being removed to be replaced by a new setting in tarmacadam, much more serviceable for the purpose.

100 YEARS AGO

(October 9th, 1913)

EXTREME interest is being evoked in this county by the remarkable discoveries made in Egypt by Professor G. A. Reisner, Egyptologist, of Harvard University.

He is unveiling a series of hidden temples within the natural rock of which the Sphinx is formed. Not only is the head of the Sphinx occupied by two small chambers, one above the other, but the actual body of the Sphinx is also occupied by a larger, pillar-lined temple, with passages leading off in several directions.

THE procurators attending the Dornoch Sheriff Court have decided to wear

gowns while in attendance in the court. The new departure was referred to on Tuesday in suitable terms by Mr Peters, procurator fiscal. Sheriff Campbell cordially approved of the wearing of insignia of office. He trusted that all those present would long enjoy the privilege which they had introduced that day.

THERE is to be no increase in the Sutherland county rates this year. Some of the special water or lighting districts may have to pay extra for recent improvements but all over the rates are to be the same as last year.

PROVOST Maclachlan announced his intention to retire from municipal work at the meeting of Dornoch Town Council on Tuesday evening. He said it was not his desire nor wish to seek re-election in November.

He had been 19 years in Dornoch and for 12 years he had a seat at the council table and for nine years he occupied the highest office his fellow members could bestow on him.

A GRANT of £122 5s has been intimated from the Treasury towards the cost of installation of a new heating system and improvements and alterations at Dornoch Sheriff Court House. The total costs of the improvements amounted to £207 13s. The Treasury called attention to the price paid for a chair - £7 10s. One at £5 would have served the purpose equally well.

October at 2.30pm in Brora Community Centre.

A warm welcome is assured, together with plenty of chat and some entertainment, all washed down with afternoon tea.

Community Council - Brora Community Council has invited Co-op Management Representation to the October general meeting at Brora Community Centre on Tuesday (15th October).

Representatives from the proposed Balnacoll Windfarm will also be in attendance.

At this meeting, the Community award will be presented to the Brora Amenities Group and its volunteers. This is given annually to a group or individual having "gone the extra mile" in serving the community.

Heritage Society - Clyne Heritage Society's 2013-14 winter series of lectures continues on Thursday, 17th October, with Michael Baddon of Lindsay's, Golspie, presenting a digital lecture entitled "Lindsay's of Golspie: the History of a Shop."

Co-owner of the most well regarded hardware shop in the north, Doll resident Michael Baddon will relate the findings of his research into his business.

Established in 1840, the business has traded continuously ever since over the following 173 years and is one of the last surviving established family businesses in Sutherland.

The talk begins at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Lounge in Brora Primary School in Johnstone Place, Brora. The meeting is open to all and there will be a raffle (donations always welcome). Refreshments and admission are free.

Whist - Results of the whist held in Brora Bowling and Tennis Club last week are: Ladies - 1 Lyn Moore, 2 Elizabeth Payne, consolation Mary Anderson. Gents - 1 Brenda Matheson, 2 Ann Robertson, consolation Bill Honeyman.

Whists will be held every Wednesday during the winter months in the Bowling Club, at 7pm, with teas and raffles. All welcome.

Dornoch

Allsorts - The Co-operative Membership Community Fund has awarded Dornoch Allsorts

After School Club £2000 towards staffing costs for the year.

This, together with the sustainability grant from Highland Council, will help to bridge the gap between the income from childcare fees and the cost of running the adventure club.

These awards keep childcare affordable for parents and make sure Allsorts can deliver a great service for the children.

School is out and Puddle Jumpers are in! Booking is co-ordinated by TRACC for the two centre October holiday activities, with week one base camp in Dornoch and week two in Tain. The programme is centred on the Allsorts Wood Monday-Wednesday both weeks with outdoor cooking and adventures with trees and tents. Thursdays include a trip to Ledmore and Migdale Woods to investigate tales of the cairns, with support from Historylinks Museum. Fridays are preparing for Halloween and making a Guy for bonfire night.

Community Bonfire - The community bonfire night is in danger of folding unless the organisers get more people to help out on the night.

Ever since the Festival Week committee resurrected the bonfire four years ago, it has got bigger and better every year, but sadly as they run at a loss every year, it is getting more expensive to run and more helpers are needed.

A meeting will be held on Monday, 14th October, in the Social Club at 7.30pm and anyone who can help is urged to attend or get in touch with Marlene on 01862 810162 or Cath on 01862 811454.

Whether you can help with collecting buckets, erecting the gazebos, adding wood to the fire, serving or making soup, any help would be gratefully received. Say the organisers: "Let's not let this great night for the community fold."

Golspie

SWRI - At the September monthly meeting of Golspie SWRI, Jane Dixon and her friend Jane, both from Lairg, demonstrated sugarcraft with Mexican paste.

This was an excellent demonstration and Jane very quickly transformed paste from a rosebud to

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