



# The Northern Times

## 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Local History Exhibition

Interpretation & Exploration of the landscape at Loch Croispol Schoolhouse and the position of this in the history and Heritage of Mackay Country



Last weekend the Durness Development Group held an exhibition of the work carried out to date on the local History project Interpretation & Exploration of the landscape at Loch Croispol Schoolhouse and the position of this in the history and Heritage of Mackay Country. The event was started by historian Dr. Malcolm Bangor Jones who gave an intriguing incite into Durness Parish – from Clanship to Crofting’. The youths were involved in more practical exercise with local artist Nicola Pool and Martina Gartner making clay models of the old school house and joined by adults for *Archaeological Art School Days Remembered’* – paper marbling & collage.

The village hall was set out as a virtual model of the ruined schoolhouse and Graham Bruce was giving tours explaining the history revealed in research and discussing the archaeology finds from the dig carried out last autumn which were displayed alongside the information texts photographs and videos. Dr. Issie MacPhail was on hand to provide the detailed academic aspects to the social history of the life styles and living within the township at the various periods. The project is funded through Heritage Lottery Historic Scotland and the Highland council Highland Legacy Fund. Councillor Munro attended and was given a detailed outline of the work carried out.

Picture Attached *Local Historian Graham Bruce, Researcher Dr. MacPhail and Cllr Munro at the Loch Croispol exhibition*

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