



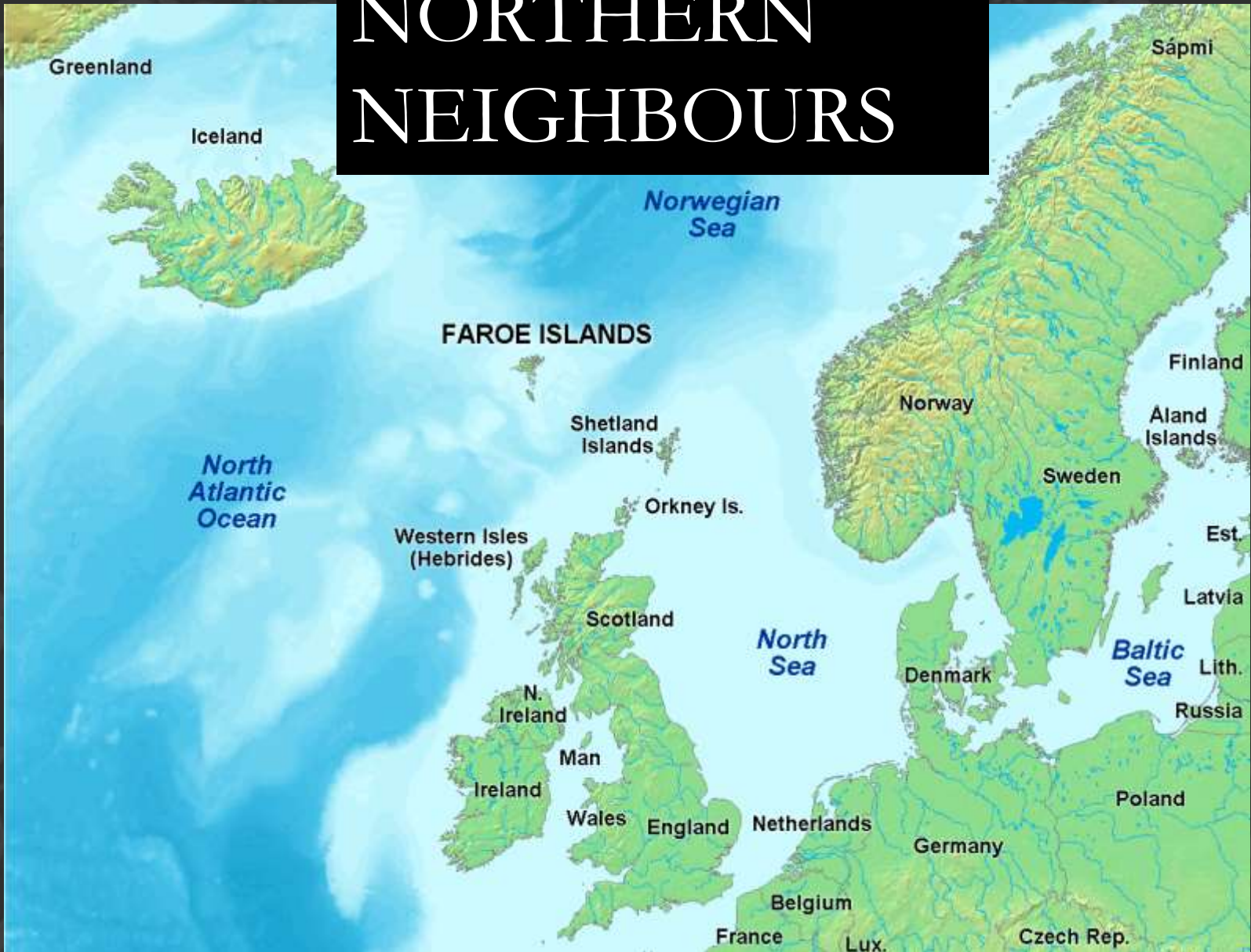
**UNLEASHING THE
POWER OF COMMUNITY**

Lesley Riddoch

A QUINE AT ORDIQUILL



NORTHERN NEIGHBOURS



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SWEDISH ELECTIONS OVER 80% TURNOUT

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A TALE OF TWO TOWNS

Wick 1900



Hammerfest 1900



HAMMERFEST TRANSFORMED BY ENERGY...

ENERGIHUSET



KVALSUND STRAIT



AND HOUSING



OLD LADY RESILIENCE

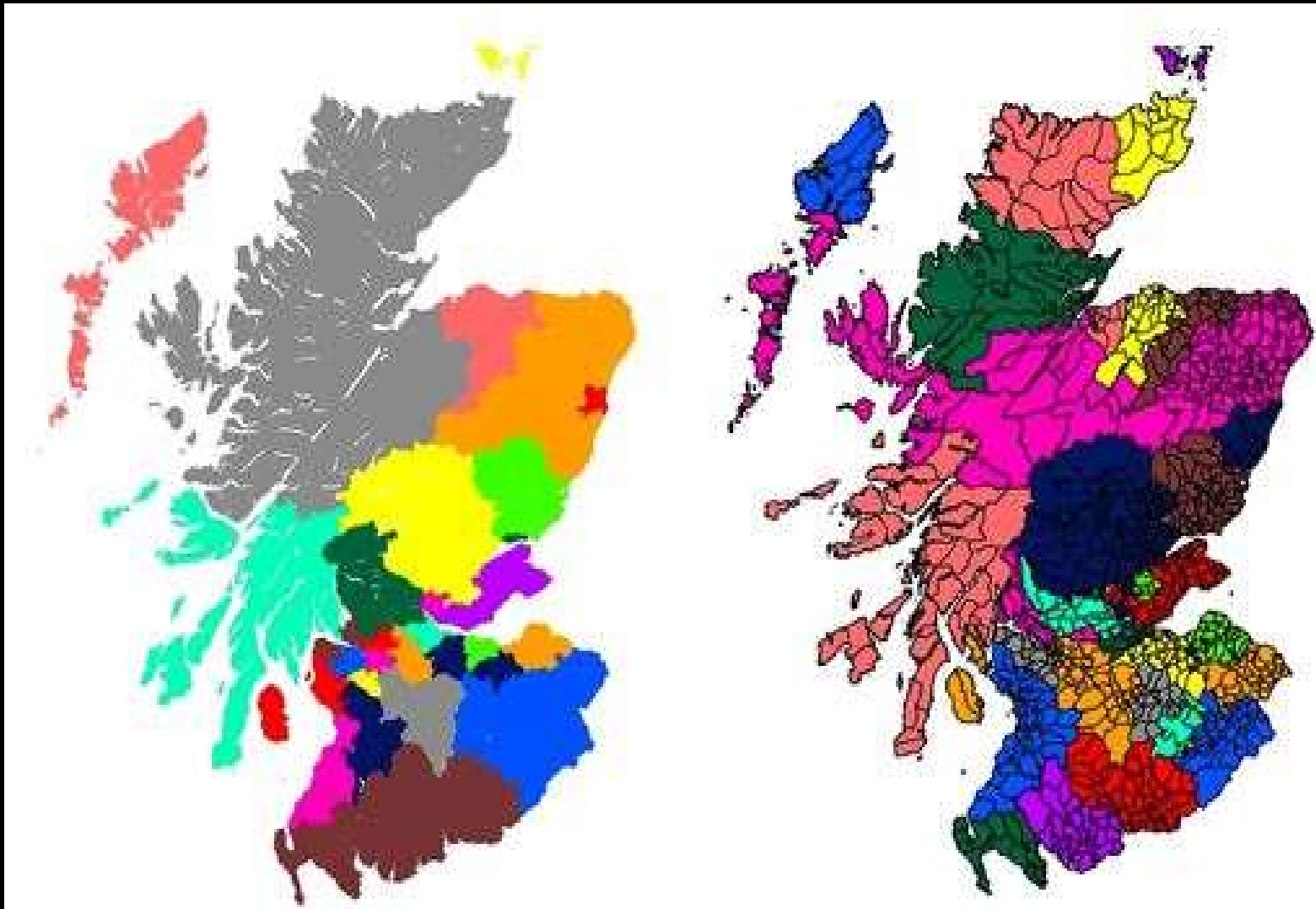


AND WICK ?



SCOTTISH COUNCILS

STATUS QUO & EUROPEAN AVERAGE



Centralised Scotland

Country	Number of municipalities	Median population	Sq km
France	36781	380	11
Germany	12013	6844	15
Spain	8112	564	35
Italy	8100	2343	22
Belgium	589	11265	40
Norway	431	4439	465
Sweden	290	15039	672
Scotland	32	115000	990



**COMMUNITIES TO
THE RESCUE**

WEST WHITLAWBURN COOPERATIVE

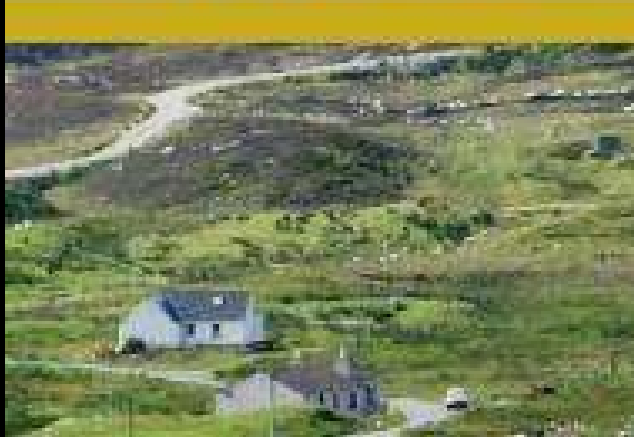


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Buyout Fund**



GOVANHILL BATHS





**BUT IT CAN BE HARD
GOING**



From left: Martin Coyle, Alan Kemp, Richard Booth, Terry Forey, James McConnell, Davie Best, Tommy Riley.

Picture: Alan Milligan

THE DRUMCHAPEL GROUP

“It’s hard to look at a fag and think it can do any more harm than what’s already been done”

CASTLE TOWARD

Castle Toward Buyout:

BLOCKED

38 DEGREES
of public opinion change
by
YOU

CARBETH RAISED £2M



**BUT BARRY DOWNS DIDN'T
SURVIVE**



FOUNTAINBRIDGE -- TEMPORARY SUCCESS



BRITAIN IS NOT A BOTTOM UP SOCIETY

Country	Country Feminine rankings (<u>Hofstede 1980</u>)	Child Wellbeing rankings 2003 (<u>Unicef</u>)	Child Wellbeing rankings 2013 (<u>Unicef</u>)	GDP per capita Ranking 2010 (OECD) ¹
Sweden	1	1	4	11
Norway	2	5	2	2
Netherlands	3	3	1	5
Denmark	4	4	6	9
Finland	7	2	3	15
France	27	6	8	18
USA	56	20	21	4
UK	62	20	16	16
Germany	63	7	5	14
Ireland	66	12	8	8

SCOTLAND'S COMMUNITY FUTURE?



So stands Scotland where it did? Not on your nelly.

The professional classes in Scotland may be busy with Commissions, vows, deals, submissions and General Election planning but the wider Yes Movement is busy with huge spontaneous meetings involving hundreds, even thousands of people – gatherings like birds flocking before winter or starlings swooping to throw shapes into darkening skies. Because they can.

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