

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 5th August 2019

Members Present,

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary): Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA: Donna Mathieson DM:

Highland Councillor: Raymond Bremner stood in for Nicola Sinclair as she had a prior meeting.

Members of Public: Magnus Henderson.

1/Apologies; Julie Marker, Nicola Sinclair, Fiona Donn.

2/Minutes of meeting 1st July 2019 were circulated and proposed by Bryan MacLeod seconded by Francis Allan.

3/Financial statement, Approved.

4/ Financial Statement, as of 05.08.2019

Current Account balance £487.66

Income

Highland Council £500.00

Expenditure

Balance £987.66

Development Account balance £6,644.93

Expenditure during month

Income During Month

Balance £6,644.93

of which Micro Grant money -£500.00

of which Flower pot money £1,103.25

of which Broch money £1,094.44

Youth Group £1,955.40

Balance £2,991.84

Village Warden Account balance £314.13

Expenditure

Income During Month

Balance £314.13

Total Assets £3,305.97

Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund 05/08/19

Balance £3,210.44

5/Caithness Community Partnership: Various e-mails has been circulated between Julie Marker and **NB** next meeting to be held in Dunbeath Fire Station in August.

6/Police Report; none to hand.

7/ Matters Arising; **RB** stated that he had brought up the Achorn Bridge and it had been added to the list where a Design /method statement would be prepared (on going)

8/ John O Groats trail: **NB** to arrange meeting with Jim Bunting John O Groats Trail Ranger when members and concerned landowners could attend. This is to take place at next C/C meeting on Monday 2nd September in Berriedale Hall 7.30 pm

9/ Phone Box (John Irvine) has been fixed on site.

10/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** stated work was nearly completed and waiting for panel to go on to plinth.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod work on site well under way.

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; no applications received this month.

13/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, (on going) **RB** to bring matter up with Roads.

14/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** stated that he had a discussion with Mr Gilbert Stevenson and this was confirmed by a letter dated 24.07.2019 confirming that they were prepared to enter into a Community fund with an annual payment of £5,000 per Megawatt of installed capacity. Payment to be made at start of work.

15/ Future Plans; **NB** asked all present to send in information about the community for him to correlate and send to the developer of the web sites. **JG** and **RB** stated there was a lack of information for tourists.

16/ Carried on from previous meetings: Renovation of Derelict property at Market Hill Dunbeath (on going) **RB** to chase up and give response to members.

17/**NB** Brought up an item that was discussed at the Association of Community Councils about the state of the roads and car parks, **RB** gave a breakdown on what was proposed for the riverside car park in Wick **RB** explained that there was to be Electric charging points Better disabled parking areas for caravan and motor home parking.

18/**JG** stated he had costs from Acorn Signs in Inverness £35.00 for signs that attach to poles £20 for flat signs, **BM** stated he was looking into getting costs for signs from a company Bear deal with, (ongoing)

19/Dunbeath Strath Project. The application was for footpath improvements, waymarkers and interpretation panels at key points from the harbour up the strath.

20/ Date of Next Meeting:2nd September 2019 in Berriedale hall.

21/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon Magnus Henderson he stated there is very slow progress in getting the MOD to agree to share Radar equipment.

22/**NB** asked if everyone had seen the web site various comments were received NB to apply for Micro grant to fund the web.

23/ various comments were received about the Dunbeath Harbour area and how nice it was looking.

24/ **DM** asked when the micro grant was to be paid out as they had letter of commitment in June stating it had been granted.