



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Dunbeath Community Centre
on 3rd April 2023 at 7.30pm

1) Welcome, Apologies & Conflict of Interest :

- a) **Present:** Neil Buchanan, Donna Mathieson, Jenna Irvine, Francis Allan, Trevor Filshie, Andrew Jarvie (Cllr)
- b) **Members of the public:** John Gunn, Frank Sutherland, Sue Steven, James MacBeath.
- c) **Apologies:** Angus MacInnes, Anson MacAuslan, Grant Jack (public)
- d) **Conflict of interest:** Due to this being the beginning of the financial year, all present were asked to declare any conflicts of interest.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conflict</u>
Neil Buchanan (Chair)	None
Angus MacInnes (Vice Chair)	Dunbeath & District Centre
Donna Mathieson (Treasurer)	Berriedale Portland Hall
Jenna Irvine (Secretary)	Dunbeath Community Centre Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust
Francis Allan	Dunbeath Community Centre
Trevor Filshie	None
Anson MacAuslan	Berriedale Portland Hall
John Gunn	Dunbeath & District Centre
Frank Sutherland	Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust
Sue Steven	Berriedale Portland Hall WRI Berriedale Church & Cemetery
James MacBeath	None

2) Opening Remarks: Neil welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Neil made an apology for not being himself this last while and for tasks he has not completed. He stated this was due to personal illness but is now on the mend.

3) Action Log: See separate action log sheet.

4) Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by Francis and seconded by Donna.

5) Police:

- a) **Police Report:** There was no police report sent to the community council this month.
- b) **A9 speed limit/no overtaking:** There has been no update from BEAR Scotland to indicate when the detailed engineering assessment would take place. The Community Council were successful in securing funding for an illuminated speed sign that will record data.

6) Communities & Place:

- a) **Playpark:** Jenna stated that Dunbeath and Berriedale Development Trust recently met with the chosen supplier Kompan. The Trust has identified the essential playpark equipment needed and is awaiting plans and final costs.
- b) **Bus timetables:** It was brought forward that there is a reduced bus service for the public when the schools are on holiday, and this is impacting individuals who rely on this service for transport to employment and appointments. It was agreed that a post will be created on our social media platform for feedback regarding this. *

7) Education & Learning: N/A

8) Health & Social Care: N/A

9) Infrastructure, Environment & Economy:

- a) **Highland Council road repair:** The conditions of the roads in Berriedale and Dunbeath maintained by the Highland Council are in a poor state. Andrew had no update on when these would be repaired. The Highland Council need to find more funding to complete the road repairs throughout Highland. Tracey Urry (tracey.urry@highland.gov.uk) is now head of Roads & Infrastructure. Andrew stated that most councillors are committed to the roads being repaired in Caithness.
- b) **Bridge at Portormin:** The work of repairing the footbridge is now complete. This was a joint effort from Dunbeath Estate and the Highland Council. Both organisations were thanked for a fantastic job.
- c) **Harbour Wall Dunbeath:** The blocks of the small wall separating the carpark and harbour in front of the toilets is crumbling. No update.
- d) **Footpath at Inver Guest House:** The area of hardcore that is used as a footpath in this area has been washed away again. This has been reported to BEAR Scotland and a job spec has been submitted.

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- e) **Camels Hump:** Neil has spoken to the landowner of where this path is situated. They are happy for work to be completed to maintain this pathway. GMR Henderson has donated 12ton of path materials, a mini digger and wheelbarrow for this works. It was suggested a post it put o our social media platform to ask for volunteers to help with the works to be completed on the last Saturday of April. *

- f) **Planning Applications:** No planning applications have been made for our area in the latest reports received.
 - i. **Phone mast Berriedale:** It was thought that the request of this being one mast for all networks has been approved. This needs to be confirmed.
 - ii. **Proposed Pylons:** It was stated that there was very little information on the website regarding this project. It was also stated the open day that was held in Dunbeath Community Centre was more informative and well attended. It was discussed and agreed that the Community Council will submit a letter with the views of the public and explore joining forces with other community council's to show a joint approach and suggest influences of underground installation. The deadline for submitting views is the 14th April 2023. *

- g) **Berriedale Broadband:** No update

- h) **Dunbeath Bridge – noise pollution:** Following the March community council meeting where it was agreed we would communicate with Transport Scotland to highlight the noise pollution from the bridge. The individuals who initiated these conversations received conformation of acknowledgement that there is an issue and that repairs will be completed to resolve this. There has not yet been conformation of when works will be commenced.

- 10) **Performance & Governance:**
 - a) **Website:** No update.

- 11) **Property & Housing:**
 - a) **Affordable Housing:** No further update.

- 12) **Resources and Finance:**
 - a) **Financial Statement:** No changes
 - b) **Future Funding Streams:** Known funding sources are Halsary Windfarm and Crown Estate fund for coastal communities.

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13) Correspondence:

14) Any Other Business:

- a. John Gunn asked if it would still be ok for him to proceed with leading the flowerpot project in both villages of Berriedale and Dunbeath. It was agreed that it would be fantastic if he continued with this project. John stated a total donation of £350 has been received from the collection boxes at Dunbeath Harbour for the flowerpot project. John stated he is open to suggestions for centre pieces for the larger pots. It was suggested that Botanic Gardens in Inverness would be good for seeking advice.

15) Date of next meeting: 1st May 2023 at 7.30pm in Berriedale Portland Hall

Public meeting closed at 8.40pm

ACTION LOG

Action	By Whom	Date Added	Update from meeting
Post on Facebook regarding bus service	Jenna	03.04.2023	
Post on Facebook for repairing Camels Hump footpath – last Sat of April	Jenna	03.04.2023	
Explore joining other CC's in expressing views on Pylons and submit views by 14.04.2023		03.04.2023	

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