



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in Portland Hall, Berriedale.

### 1. WELCOME

#### a. Attendance:

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair), Francis Allan (Vice Chair), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Michael Sutherland, Neil Buchanan, Mike Andrew Bailey

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Anne Macbeath, Sue Steven, Anson Macclauslan.

#### b. Apologies:

Community Council: Jenna Irvine (Secretary)

#### c. Non-Attendance

Community Council: None

#### d. Conflicts of Interest

Community Council: Neil Buchanan - Pylons

### 2. OPENING REMARKS

AMacI thanked all for their attendance this evening. He stated that the SSEN planning application, relating to the Pylons was still going ahead and the community council would need to consider the possibility of holding a public meeting to allow the public / residents from Berriedale & Dunbeath to voice their opinion with regards to the approach to be taken by the Community Council.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by NB and seconded by MB

### 4. POLICE

a. **Police Report**: No report received from Police Scotland. AMacI will speak with the Area Inspector at the upcoming ACCC meeting

b. **Speed Display Sign**: NB stated that the matter remained with R. Bremner, Highland Council.

### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. **Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure**: Informed that this is still ongoing due to uncertainty of who owns the bridge.

b. **Cooper's Path**: Ongoing, with Dunbeath Estate. Awaiting the appointment of a new factor.

c. **Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour**: Ongoing with DPT.

d. **Village Maintenance**: Payment to be collected at the upcoming ACCC meeting.

### 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

### 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

a. **Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery**: funding application in to cover the cost of the replacement parts.

### 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

#### a. Planning Applications:

**Bay, Dunbeath** – change of use submitted in Dec'24

**Hill of Lynchrobbie** – application as well as comments submitted.

**Welbex** - change of office building.

#### b. Road Department:

- **Portormin Rd Barrier:** No further correspondence from Highland Council. No update.
  - Ongoing issues with other roads in the CC area.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
- **Dolos:** No further update received from HC.
- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** No further update received from HC.
- e. **Dunbeath Sign south side A9 bridge & footpath:** No further update.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** see Hill of Lynchrobbie update above.
- g. **Pylons:** See Chair's opening remarks.

## 9. PREFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** FA & MB remuneration for costs incurred. This matter will be addressed.
- b. **New Member:** ongoing.

## 10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Issues with Parked Vehicles:** The vehicles that, previously, appeared to abandoned / off road have been moved into a garden on Glass Road. This has been done by means of demolishing a garden wall, potentially in breach of the requirements of a the requirements for tenancy in a local authority owned dwelling house. This matter will be followed up with HC.

## 11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:** Caithness Community Fund and LLCDC Halsary fund meetings were delayed due to limited availability of panel members.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Nil

## 14. ACTION LOG: to be updated.

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

**Meeting closed at 8:45 pm**

## ACTION LOG

Action	By Whom	Date Added	Update from meeting
Contact Highland Council re road repairs, barrier repair and sign for Braemore Road, Old Brae Kerbing	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	
Contact Highland Council harbour department re Dunbeath Harbour dolos	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	
Reply from Transport Scotland Scotland regarding site for speed sign	Neil	04/11/2024	
Phone box to be moved	Angus/DPT	05/08/2024	
Bus Shelters seating & Lighting	Jenna / RB	02/09/2024	
Maintenance of overgrowth on Dunbeath Strath – Angus to contact CPS Apr & Aug 2025.	Angus	02/09/2024	
Dunbeath Surgery – Defibrillator – discretionary budget form to be completed & submitted	Jenna	04/11/2024	
Grass cutting Dunbeath Playing Fields – Contact spring 25	Angus	02/12/2024	
Mill carpark benches – DPT	AMacb	02/12/2024	
Email planning regarding time restraints	Jenna	04/11/2024	
Decision on CLC being with BDCC – Jan 2025 discussion	All	04/11/2024	
Advertise vacant post in New Year	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Share Seashore Hub ask for more info	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Meeting with Dunbeath Estate in New Year – discuss bridge	Angus & Jenna	02/12/2024	
Dog signage invoice – Jenna to give to Donna	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Funding application to be submitted for village maintenance		02/12/2024	
Advertise on social media and in post office and shop re scoping report and comments	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Share National Speed Limit feedback survey on social media	Jenna	02/12/2024	