



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath.

#### 1. WELCOME

**a. Attendance:**

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair), Francis Allan (Vice Chair), Jenna Irvine (Secretary), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Mike Andrew Bailey, Andrew Jarvie (Cllr.)

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Jon Simmons.

**b. Apologies:**

Community Council: Michael Sutherland, Neil Buchanan

**c. Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: None

#### 2. OPENING REMARKS

FA welcomed everyone and explained he will chair tonight's meeting due to a private matter.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by DM

#### 4. POLICE

- a. Police Report:** A new police report for Wick & East Caithness has been circulated. Feedback suggests letting it run for a few months to assess its relevance. Information received from the public in attendance was that there were recent thefts in the Knockally area.
- b. Speed Display Sign:** NB or RB were not present to provide an update.

#### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

- a. Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure:** Contact to be made with Dunbeath Estate for a meeting with BDCC to discuss this further.
- b. Cooper's Path:** As above. There was a discussion regarding this approach to determine if it aligns with the community's preferences. Further discussions will be held to gather additional feedback.
- c. Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour:** Ongoing with DPT.
- d. Village Maintenance:** AMaC collected payments at the last AOCC meeting and gave them to DM. NB created a spreadsheet to track grass cutting and maintenance work in the villages, which will help with next year's invoice submission to HC and future funding applications.

#### 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

#### 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- a. Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery:** The funding application to LLCDC Halsary fund was successful.

#### 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. Planning Applications:** None received.
- b. Road Department:**
  - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** AJ will take photos of this and present to HC, JI to continue to highland to HC.
  - **Roads:** Ongoing issues with other roads in the CC area.
- c. Harbour Department:**
  - **Dolos:** JI to follow up with HC.

- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** No further update received from HC.
- e. **A9 No overtaking:** Agreed to contact Transport Scotland to request speed recording strips and criteria to have red chevrons extended.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** BDCC objection letter has been submitted. Noted that there are several letters of support from individuals that do not live in the area.
- g. **Pylons:** An email was received from Lynn Parker containing information about a meeting she attended regarding the Banniskirk substation, during which Kathrin Haltiner presented facts and figures related to power generation in Caithness. It was suggested by LP that Kathrin be invited to the BDCC public meeting. The discussions around this topic highlighted the need for further deliberations on whether we should have a speaker who represents both perspectives—both for and against. AJ has offered to speak impartially to provide information.

## 9. PREFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** FA has been unable to contact Sylvia to arrange getting the accounts. AMaCl will ask CVG to make contact. A facebook post is to be published stating there will be no Xmas lights this year unless a new committee is formed.
- b. **New Member:** No applications received. JS voiced an interest, JI to send him the details.
- c. **AOCC Meeting:** AMaCl attended the recent AOCC meeting and provided an overview of this.

## 10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

## 11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:** LLCDC Halsary fund will be opening for another round of funding.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- Dunbeath & District Newsletter
- Email from Lynn Parker

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 14. ACTION LOG: to be updated.

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 2nd 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

**Public meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

### **Private meeting**

**Attendees:** Community Council members as listed above, with Cllr. Andrew Jarvie also in attendance for a private session.

## 16. **Complaint:** A complaint against a community council member was received on 1st May 2025. The details were circulated to all members present. The individual concerned was invited to present their perspective and subsequently left the room. A private discussion followed.

**Conclusion:** It was agreed that no further action will be taken, as the matter falls outside the remit of the Community Council. JI will inform the relevant parties of this outcome.

**Private meeting closed at 9.30pm**

## ACTION LOG

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