



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for 2nd June 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath

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

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 is still intending to hold 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 MB and seconded by FA

4. POLICE

a. Police Report: No report received from Police Scotland.

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. Broch: discussion regarding responsibility for grass cutting. Contact to be made with Dunbeath Estate and Criminal Justice.

d. Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour: Ongoing with DPT.

e. Village Maintenance: Camel's Hump path needs cut. Discussion regarding the steps needing repaired – they are to be examined.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

a. Planning Applications

b. Road Department:

- **Portormin Rd Barrier:** No further correspondence from Highland Council. No update.
- Ongoing issues with other roads in the CC area, including potholes at various locations

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:** planning application being progressed.
- 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. **Campbell Ave:** Discussion regarding a vacant property on Campbell Ave, including the possibility of burst water pipe in the building.

11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:** Caithness Community Fund meeting has been delayed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Community Council Congress on Energy Infrastructure in the Highlands:** MB will attend the meeting on 14th June 2025 as a representative of BDCC.

14. ACTION LOG: to be updated.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th July 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	