



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 1st September 2025 in Berriedale Portland Hall, Berriedale.

1. WELCOME

a. Attendance:

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair), Jenna Irvine (Secretary), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Neil Buchanan, Michael Sutherland, Mike Andrew Bailey, Andrew Jarvie (Cllr)

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Frank Sutherland, Lynn Parker, A. Ellington, Sue Steven, Anne Macbeath, Anson MacAuslan

b. Apologies:

Community Council: Francis Allan (Vice Chair)

c. Conflicts of Interest

Community Council: NB - Pylons

2. OPENING REMARKS

AMacI opened the meeting with thanks. He apologised for last month's meeting being cancelled due to weather conditions. A MacInnes explained that there was recent correspondence by email that was sent to the old BDCC email address, this has now been received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by DM

4. POLICE

a. Police Report: No report received

b. Speed Display Sign: RB is communicating with Graeme Paget re this. No update. It was mentioned that the new red chevrons are not having an impact and there are still unsafe manoeuvres taking place.

5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. Dunbeath Strath Bridge ownership: JI to ask Marjory and Billy at Dunbeath Estate for meeting – there has not yet been a response.

b. Cooper's Path: As above.

c. Broch Maintenance: It is unknown if grass has been cut here. Strath path is overgrown, A MacInnes had no response from contacting criminal justice.

d. A9 verges: This was added to the agenda in August due to some areas been overgrown and restricting view. This works has now been completed by BEAR Scotland.

e. Village Maintenance: The village is well maintained by volunteers, but they are incurring significant personal expenses to do so. No updates are given on the grant application.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

MB noted that all Highland Council gym trails are closed to pupils over safety concerns, requiring independent inspection estimated at £1,000 per school. NB asked for contact details to look into this, which MB will send to him. NB looking at potential funding source.

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

a. Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery: Grant award forms completed and signed this evening, given to AMacI to submit.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications:** No applications
- b. **Road Department:**
 - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** AJ stated he spoke with Joanne Sutherland and no update available
 - **Roads:** As above.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
 - **Dolos:** AMaCl met with Tony Usher, HC at Dunbeath Harbour to look at dolos. Tony was happy and thinks only one is to be moved. It was stated at meeting there are more and they can be seen at low tide. BDCC member to get photos to send over. Tony is going to ask Harbour Master to keep watch of harbour wall, along front of harbour.
- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** No further updates have been provided.
- e. **A9 No overtaking:** No update from RB. Still unsafe manoeuvres happening. Suggestion to suggest to BEAR Scotland and Traffic Scotland to install an island to allow pulling into the village safer, this would then include no overtaking.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** No update.
- g. **Pylons/Public Meeting:** No planning yet submitted. AMaCl read out email from Kathrin Haltener. Majority voted yes for us to join the list of objections. However BDCC are not in a position to contribute to funds supporting this. AMaCl will contact KH.

9. PREFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** One more post on social media to highlight if no committee is formed no Xmas lights will be on display this year.
- b. **New Member:** AMaCl contacted LC and PT, BDCC is able to co-opt another member. Application to be discussed in private at next meeting.
- c. **Meeting Schedule:** It was agreed to have BDCC meeting on another evening to avoid clashing with Wick CC. Members to look at what is best for them for next meeting.
- d. **AOCC meeting:** No one was able to attend last meeting. MB has not been receiving emails regarding these, JI to look into this.

10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Knockglass property:** Cars that are thought not to be road legal have reappeared in Knockglass Road, this is causing a problem with parking and turning.

11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:**

12. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was circulated to BDCC members.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Member of the public approached BDCC member to highlight tennis court area needs weeded. A member will have a look at this.
- b. The Old Brae wall has vegetation growing through this. To be highlighted to Highland Council
- c. Mentioned how roads in the area are still in a dire state of repair. To be flagged up to HC again, and members of the public advised to report.

14. ACTION LOG: Circulated.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 6th October in Dunbeath Community Centre at 7.30pm.

ACTION LOG

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