



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath

#### 1. WELCOME

a. **Attendance:**

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair) (AMcl), Francis Allan (Vice Chair) (FA), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer) (DM), Michael Sutherland (MS), Neil Buchanan (NB), Mike Andrew Bailey (MB)

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Winifred Sutherland, Anne Macbeath, Victor Cormack

b. **Apologies:**

c. **Non-Attendance**

Community Council: None

d. **Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan – Pylons, Angus MacInnes – Dunbeath & District Center.

#### 2. OPENING REMARKS

AMacI thanked all for their attendance this evening.

Jenna Irvine – has resigned from the Community Council. All present thank JI for her service and wished her well in her future endeavours.

Royal Bank of Scotland – account mandate. RBS required a copy of the minutes agreeing the requested changes to the authorised signatories. It was agreed that this minute would serve as the record.

\*\*\*B&DCC agree that Angus MacInnes (Chair), Francis Allan (Vice Chair) and Donna Matheson (Treasurer) be the only Authorised Signatories on the Berriedale & Dunbeath Community Council bank account.\*\*\*

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGM Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by FA

Minutes from B&DCC Meeting on 01.09.2025 were approved by NB and seconded by DM

#### 4. POLICE

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

b. **Speed Display Sign:** NB stated that no news had been received.

#### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. **Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure:** No further update following from the information that this is still ongoing due to uncertainty of who owns the bridge. **ACTION: AMcl to contact Matt Dent**

b. **Cooper's Path:** Agreed that the path is in good order and as such the item will be removed from the agenda.

c. **Broch & Strath Grass Cutting:** Given the time of year there will be no further cutting done this year. It will be followed up with Criminal Justice in April 2026. To be removed from the agenda meantime.

d. **Village Maintenance:** AMcl informed that info had been received that the grant for 2026 would be £500.

e. **Tennis Court:** NB stated that he had attended and dealt with the issues. A discussion followed regarding who owned the tennis courts and a variety of ways forward.

## 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

- a. **Trim Trail: no progress.** HC are having internal discussions regarding the transfer of responsibility for inspection.

## 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications:** 25/03094/FUL – it was noted that this planning application had been granted. It was agreed that the aspects regarding the internal workings of BDCC would be discussed in private.
- 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. **Hill of Lynchrobbie Windfarm:** planning application being progressed.
- g. **Pylons:** Planning application ongoing, various objections have been submitted.

## 9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** FA & MB require remuneration for costs incurred. This will require changing the bank account mandate.  
As a result of the lack of public interest in assisting, there will no Christmas Lights for the 2025 / 2026 Festive Season.
- b. **New Member:** Given JI's resignation we now require 2 new members. The member of the public who, previously, expressed an interest has not yet submitted the necessary paperwork / email.

## 10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Campbell Ave:** Update on the ongoing repairs to the vacant property on Campbell Ave.

## 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. New windfarm at Lythmore.
- b. Bins at Old Mill require emptying.
- c. Damage to table, at Old Mill, caused by portable BBQ.

## 14. ACTION LOG: to be updated.

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

## ACTION LOG

<b>Action</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Date Added</b>	<b>Update from meeting</b>
Contact Highland Council re road repairs, barrier repair and sign for Braemore Road, Old Brae Kerbing	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	On-going
Contact Highland Council harbour department re Dunbeath Harbour dolos	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	On-going
Reply from Transport Scotland Scotland regarding site for speed sign	Neil	04/11/2024	On-going
Phone box to be moved	Angus/DPT	05/08/2024	Matter now with DPT – CLOSED
Bus Shelters seating & Lighting	Jenna / RB	02/09/2024	On-going
Maintenance of overgrowth on Dunbeath Strath – Angus to contact CPS Apr & Aug 2025.	Angus	02/09/2024	To be reviewed in April 2026
Dunbeath Surgery – Defibrillator – discretionary budget form to be completed & submitted	Jenna	04/11/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Grass cutting Dunbeath Playing Fields	Angus	02/12/2024	To be reviewed in April 2026
Mill carpark benches – DPT	AMacb	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Email planning regarding time restraints	Jenna	04/11/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Decision on CLC being with BDCC – Jan 2025 discussion	All	04/11/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Advertise vacant post in New Year	Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Share Seashore Hub ask for more info	Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Meeting with Dunbeath Estate in New Year – discuss bridge	Angus & Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be reviewed in early 2026
Dog signage invoice – Jenna to give to Donna	Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Funding application to be submitted for village maintenance		02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Advertise on social media and in post office and shop re scoping report and comments	Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed
Share National Speed Limit feedback survey on social media	Jenna	02/12/2024	COMPLETED – to be removed