



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for 10th November 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath

1. WELCOME

a. **Attendance:**

Community Council: Francis Allan (Vice Chair) (FA), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer) (DM), Michael Sutherland (MS), Neil Buchanan (NB), Andrew Jarvie (Councillor) (AJ)

Members of the Community: John Gunn, L Parker, Anne Macbeath, E Bain, G Green, K.Lewis-Saunders, Sue Stevens, Richard Hall

b. **Apologies:** Raymond Bremner (Councillor)

c. **Non-Attendance**

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair) (AMcl), Mike Andrew Bailey (MB)

d. **Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan – Pylons,

2. OPENING REMARKS

FA thanked all for their attendance this evening and apologised that it was short notice he had for chairing the meeting.

Royal Bank of Scotland – no further update on the account signatories.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from B&DCC Meeting on 06.010.2025 were approved by NB and seconded by MS

4. POLICE

a. **Police Report:** Was review but there was nothing relating to Dunbeath or Berriedale

b. **Speed Display Sign:** NB stated that no news had been received and AJ was asked to chase this up. RB had a meeting with Graham Page and Neil will send this information to Andrew for chasing.

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 – No response**

b. **Village Maintenance:** No information available – AJ said it should be £600 per council

c. **Tennis Court:** NB stated that we need to apply for a grant to apply for weedkiller and it should be done every 3 months. Application to a windfarm need to be completed.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

a. **Trim Trail: no progress.** No update this is with MB

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

a. **Planning Applications:** 25/03094/FUL – AM had asked what happened with this application, NB said the application had been passed and that democracy had been denied by vested interests.

b. Road Department:

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

c. Harbour Department:

- **Dolos:** No further update received from HC. Only one damaged one is visible when tide is in. NB has supplied photo's of the damaged ones when the tide is out.

d. Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating: No further update received from HC.

e. Dunbeath Sign south side A9 bridge & footpath: No further update. With the dangerous overtaking still taking place it was suggested we apply for a speed limit or a minimal no overtaking sign. AJ still thinks a filter section for the run into the village would be possible.

f. Hill of Lynchrobbie Windfarm: planning application being progressed. Still under consideration – If NATS are satisfied then they will remove their objection.

g. Pylons: Planning application ongoing, various objections have been submitted. Murphy's are still testing sites (upper Borgue still hitting bogs)

h. Bin and Bench at Mill: Council workers have been depositing dog poo into the refuse bin. The bench table is to be repaired after someone set a hot BBQ on it and caused some damage.

9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

a. Dunbeath Christmas Lights: FA & MB require remuneration for costs incurred. This will require changing the bank account mandate.

Several of the public attended the meeting to support the Christmas lights for Dunbeath. It was agreed that they would meet at the heritage centre on Sunday 16th at 11.00 o'clock to carry out a check of what is available. It was agreed that there may need to be some restrictions if there is not enough working lights available.

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. No update.

10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

a. Campbell Ave: House has been repaired and the painters have been in so it should be ready to let again soon.

11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

a. Financial Statement: BDCC: This was circulated. Only change from previous accounts was the deposit from wind farm for Defibrillator batteries and pads

b. Future Funding Streams: Caithness Community Fund meeting has been delayed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Street lights not working in Dunbeath at the harbour and ice house this needs reporting to the lighting department AM said she would do this.

b. J Gunn said he had reported the pot holes in Dunbeath to the council at 01349886606

14. ACTION LOG: to be updated.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 08th December 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

ACTION LOG

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