

Minutes 8th December 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath

1 WELCOME

a.) Attendance.

Community Council. Angus Macinnes (Chairman), Francis Allen (Vice Chair)

Mike Bailey (Secretary) Mike Sutherland.

Members of the Community. John Gunn, Ann Macbeath, Mr Green

b.) Apologies

Community Council Neil Buchanan and Donna Mathieson

c.) Conflicts of Interest

Community Council. Angus Macinnes Day Centre

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the Christmas meeting. He was mindful that the Community council's communication with other local groups and would expand on this in A.O.B. Also he would like to address comments made about the Dunbeath and District Centre. He explained the system that the centre has for taking in supplies and food from Donors. Also that the centre was the only hub in Caithness and this explains why some outside Communities receive supplies of toilet roll etc.

He read out the HC policy concerning the declaring of Conflicts of Interest. This confirmed he did not need to declare an interest concerning the Day Centre.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November meeting should read Apologies from Angus MacInnes and Mike Bailey not marked as absent. Minutes were then approved by FA & MS

4. POLICE

a) No report received

b) Speed Display Sign. As NB was absent from the meeting no further report of progress

5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a) Dunbeath Strath foot bridge closure. Waiting for a reply from Matt Dent

b) Village Maintenance.

c) Tennis Court. Looking at possible grant to refurbish.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

a. Trim Trail. MB reports that Head Mistress is still waiting to hear from HC

7, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE.

Nothing to report.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications.** One received for the felling of trees in Berridale area
- b. **Roads.** Portormin Rd, barrier and various roads. Still no action by HC. AM to pursue
- c. **Harbour.** Dolos to be repositioned at next spring tides early spring time
- d. **Bus Shelter, lighting & seating.** No change by HC.
- e. **A9 Overtaking in Dunbeath.** No Change
- f. **Hill Of Lynchrobbie Wind Farm.** Still Under Consideration
- g. **Pylons.** There will be Less turbine but much taller at the Causeymire wind farm
- h. **Bins at Old Mill.** Still to be resolved

9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights.** Jan Meeting to discuss finance for 2026
- b. **New Members.** The Community Council is still short of two members.

10. PROPERTY & HOUSING. Nothing to report

11. RESOURCE & FINANCE. Nothing to report due to Treasurer not present due to Illness

12. CORRESPONDENCE. There was no correspondence

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. A WhatsApp group to be set up for the CC members. All members to be admin.
- b. The clothing bins by the river bridge bins have burst open. MB to investigate
- c. A vote of thanks extended to all the people who gave up their time to erect the Christmas lights. A job well done.
Fund raising to be discussed at Jan 26 Meeting.
- d. The CC to reach out to other committees in the area to exchange ideas etc

Meeting Closed at 2125 hrs

NEXT MEETING 12th January 2026