



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held 9th March 2026 at Dunbeath Community Hall

1. WELCOME

- a) Attendance. Angus MacInnes (Chairman), Andrew Mike Bailey (Secretary), Francis Allen (Vice Chairman), Mike Sutherland, Neil Buchannan.

Members Of The Community. Lynn Parker (Pylon Group) Alison Ellerington (Pylon Group), John Gunn, Anne Macbeath.

- b) Apologies. Donna Mathieson (Treasurer)

- c) Conflict of Interest. Neil Buchannan (pylons) Angus MacInnes (Day Centre)

2. OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending his last meeting as a member of B&DCC.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes. Proposed NB Seconded FA

3a After a discussion concerning conflict of interest the December 2025 minutes were accepted. Proposed FA seconded AM

4. Police Report. There was no Police report

5. Communities and Place.

- a) It was suggested by MB that we should apply for a grant from the Halsary Fund of £500 to start a **footbridge maintenance fund** for the footbridges on the strath.

- b) Village Maintenance. Suggestions for possible future funding sourced.

6. Health & Social Care. Nothing to report

7. Infrastructure, Environment and Economy

- a). **Planning Applications.** Nothing to report

- b) **Roads & Winter Servicing.** The condition of the roads in Dunbeath had been report to the HC on numerous occasions by MB and NB.

- c) **Harbour** , Dolos at Harbour still waiting to be replaced.

- d) **Bus Shelters and Seating.** Nothing to report.

- e) **A9 Overtaking.** Nothing to report

- f) **Hill of Lynchrobbie Windfarm.** Still on going

- g) **Pylons.** A short report was given by MB on the CC Convention invitation to Holyrood. The Scottish Government round table room. Helen Crawford chaired the meeting. Gillian Maritn the Minister for Energy basically said the renewable

energy programme would go ahead regardless of cost. However the CC Convention would have a seat on the SSEP as a planning Stake Holder. Also there were quite a few SNP's there on the side of Community Councils including Douglas Ross, Edward Mountain, Tim Eagle, Christine Graham. Gillian Martin Left the meeting after 27 minutes.

8. Performance and Governance.

- a) Christmas Lights. Angus has been in touch with the previous committee and is organising a cheque soon.
- b) New Members. Under A.O.B

9. Property & Housing. JG reported that the vacant house in Campbell Ave is now occupied.

10. Resources & Finance. The treasurer was not in attendance.

11. Correspondence. No correspondence

12. A.O.B. Mrs Alison Ellerington was copted on to the CC the voted was unanimous . Angus MacInnes resigned as a CC member.

13. It was decided that all officers of the Community Council could be signatures' for signing cheques. That being **Francis Allen, (Vice Chairman). Andrew Bailey, (Secretary) Donna Mathieson (Treasurer) Michael Sutherland, Alison Ellerington and Neil Buchannon.**

14. Action Log. Nothing reported. Meeting Finished at 2100

Date Of Next Meeting April 13th 7.30 @ Dunbeath Hall