

Minutes Of Meeting 13th July 2026 at Dunbeath Hall

1. Welcome.

- a. **Attendance.** Francis Allan (Chairman) Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Alison Ellerington, Neil Buchanan, Mike Sutherland. Andrew Jarvie (Councillor)
- b. Apologies. Mike Bailey (Secretary,)
- c. Members of the public. Lynn Parker, John Gunn, Ann Macbeth, Sue Steven

2. Conflict of Interest, Neil Buchanan.

3. Opening Remarks. Chairman welcomed everyone.

- a. **Approval & Adoption of Previous Minutes:** Approved Neil Buchanan,
Seconded Alison Ellertington

4. Police.

- a) No Report for Dunbeath
- b) **Speed Display Sign.** The Traffic team have sent an e-mail suggesting the siting of the sign on Portormin Rd facing coming from the harbour rather than from the A9 heading to the Harbour, they have said this is due to traffic being parked on the right-hand side of the road. A discussion was held and it was agreed that we should contact our MSP to get the sign situated on the A9.

5. Communities and Place

- a) Dunbeath Strath Footbridges. Temporary Closure. Nothing to report.
- b) Village Maintenance. Donna explained that we were unsuccessful in our application for funding for the village officer. Mike had left information stating that the council would only cut grass on ground that they owned and as the football pitch is not council land it would not be cut. It was recommended that the council be contacted and informed that they are not cutting grass that is on land they own.

6. Education & Learning. The Head Teacher at Dunbeath Primary School has now retired and her replacement has been announced.

7. Health & Social Care. Nothing to report.

8. Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

- a) Planning Applications. Forestry access road for Welbeck estates.
- b) Roads. Pot holes are still a major issue for the roads in the area.
- c) Harbour. No action on the Dolas – Andrew will chase this up.
- d) Bus Shelters, Lighting and Seating. Anne believes that solar panels have been fitted to the shelter at the bottom of the brae but it is not dark enough to see if there are lights in it. There are still no seats in the shelters.
- e) A9 Overtaking. Still happening
- f) Hill of Lynchrobbie Wind Farm. No change



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- g) Pylons. Lynn Parker supplied brochures for the CC and members of the public. John said that he had asked who the consultant was that was representing Dunbeath but the name was not noted here but Lynn said it is Ian Kelly.

Alison said she would send Donna an e-mail to distribute to the other members of the community council from John Heathcote chairman of Contin CC. who is representing many CC at the public enquiry.

9. Performance & Governance.

- a) Christmas Lights Committee. A new advert for a new Committee to be put on Face Book.

10. Property & Housing. Nothing to report

11. Resources & Finance. Finance report given by the Treasurer. Donna asked had everyone filled out the mandate form and they all said they had. Neil said he thought he had read somewhere that it would take up to 8 weeks to get in place.

12. Correspondence. Nothing to report

13. A.O.B. The chairman said the article in the John O'Groat Journal about Andrew Jarvie was unfair and incorrect. it was decided that a letter to the Groat would be sent. Donna will draft this.

14. Date of next meeting 10th August 2026 7.30pm @ Dunbeath Hall.