

# **BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary); Paul Kerridge PK;  
Francis Allan FA; Jenna Irvine JI; Fiona Donn FD.

Highland Council: Raymond Bremner RB.

Members of Public: There were none.

1/ Apologies: Michelle Johnstone NHS, Bryan Macleod.

### **2/Financial Statement, as of 06.08.2018**

Current Account Balance	£42.26	
Income During the Month	£0.00	
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Balance	£42.26	
Development Account Balance	£14,723.51	
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Income During the Month	£15,500.00	Bowl
Balance	£30,223.51	
<b>of which Micro Grant money</b>	<u>£500.00</u>	
<b>of which Flower pot money</b>	<u>£2,500.00</u>	
<b>of which Broch money</b>	£23,750.00	
Balance	£3,473.51	
Village Warden Account Balance	£313.91	
Expenditure During Month	£0.00	
Income During the Month	£0.00	
Balance	£313.91	
Total Assets	£3,829.68	
Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund	05/04/17	
Opening Balance	£5097.25	
Balance	£5097.25	

3/ Financial; NB presented Draft Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, after a explanation to members they were accepted awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate to be signed. (on going)

4/ Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 was circulated and proposed by Jenna Irvine seconded by Francis Allan

5/Caithness Community Partnership - No representative attended the meeting and no update of progress received. Comments were passed around about what is happening if anything.

6/ Police Report; No representative attended the meeting and no report received

7/Matters Arising; RB stated that he had brought up the Achorn Bridge with Mr Mackenzie from the roads department with a view to get it repaired.

8/John o groats trail – Councillor Nicola Sinclair has raised the matter on social media (face book) this has caused some concern amongst some of the landowners as a lot of the ownership issues have not been resolved, Jasmine Grant was one of the local Landowners that is having problems with the organisation – (ongoing)

9/Phone Box – ongoing John Irvine to get spare parts to complete Box. Latest news is he the spare parts hopefully will see it in place later this year.

10/Dunbeath Broch – NB stated that all funding was in place and there is to be a press release in the J.O.G Journal and the P&J he also was preparing a flier to inform the public about the work taking place at the Broch.

11/Berriedale Braes Realignment; no word of work commencing.

12/Bowl Micro Grants; one application will be discussed at end of meeting.

13/Old Police House; NB stated he had visited the house and work was well under-way to being completed.

14/Footpath on old Brae; Councillor Raymond Bremner to look into the problem and brought the matter up with Jonathan Gunn from the roads department no further progress.

15/ Flower Planters and Tubs; JG stated that he had a few irons in the fire trying to get funding he asked permission from the members to apply for grant assistance from Tesco bags and Bowl he was given permission to apply for funding.

16/Community Council Funding; quite a discussion with RB about this problem matter to be brought up at Association of Community Councils seems the way forward, RB suggested the C/C apply to the Highland Council Discretionary fund for the deficit in the funding.

17/Badfern Wind Farm, NB presented a dossier on how he thought the Company should be set up and run if the wind farm goes ahead, there was quite a discussion on different matters no decision was made as to accept this proposal.

18/Future Plans; A public meeting took place on Tuesday 24 of July in the Dunbeath Heritage Centre where three speakers that gave a presentation on various schemes and how they were funded, Frank Sutherland thanked the presenters for time in helping our community to get thinking what they could do. They are now hoping to set up a steering group to take thought forward. The Young People's group met for the first time with 9 attendees. They are currently hoping to hold an event on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. An application has been sent to BOWL for £5,000 for them. NB is meeting Matt Dent to discuss the footpaths in the village and to look at the mill pond. It is planned to gravel the Camels Hump, the Post Office path and the coupar's road and he will look at a path on Portormin beach/head.

19/ Correspondence : JG passed around a letter he received from Highland Council Area Planning about the Renovation of Derelict Property at Market Hill Dunbeath explaining his staff had visited the site and requested a Planning Application. (on going)

20/AOCB; JG thanked RB for the swift response in getting the playing fields cleared of cut grass, RB said he had visited several cemeteries in his area and requested the council to get them tidied up with cut grass being spread half way up the grave stones, RB and councillor Willie Mackay along with local volunteers went in and cleared the weeds and cut grass from Wick and Thrumster cemeteries. RB also stated that he had visited Latheron cemetery and was in a terrible state.

21/Date of Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Berriedale Hall.

22/Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon- Magnus Henderson was not at meeting no update.

23/Micro Grant Applications; From John Irvine for paint and materials to refurbish the climbing frame and some of the items of play equipment on the playing fields Portormin Road Dunbeath. Members all agreed that this was worth a good project and approved the application for £250.00 JG to send Letter acknowledging decision.