

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 3rd September 2018

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary); Paul Kerridge PK; Bryan MacLeod BM;

Highland Council: There were none.

Members of Public: Charles Allsop, Sue Steven, Marie Mackenzie, Mike Copland, Frank Sutherland. Magnus Henderson.

1/ Apologies: Jenna Irvine, Francis Allan.

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	£30,225.56
Expenditure during month	
Highland Turf	£550.00
John Irvine (micro grant)	£250.00
James Dilley (living History)	£2,100.00
Income During the Month	£0.00
Balance	£27,325.56
of which Micro Grant money	<u>£250.00</u>
of which Flower Planters money	<u>£2,500.00</u>
of which Broch money	£21,100.00
Balance	£3,475.56
Village Warden Account Balance	£313.91
Expenditure During Month	£0.00
Income During the Month	£0.00
Balance	£313.91
Total Assets	£3,831.91
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 31st March 2018, after a explanation to members they were accepted awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate to be signed. (on going)

4/ Minutes of meeting 2nd July 2018 was circulated and proposed by Paul Kerridge and seconded by Bryan Macleod.

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.

we believe Andrew Dick SFRS has moved on and the new fire Boss comes from Inverness.

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, NB pointed out that the Highland Council would not be taking the trail in as part of the core path setup as they would become liable for its upkeep, Magnus Henderson pointed out that the structures erected by the JOG trail would become the landowners responsibility some of the landowners have already had structures removed after Lawyers intervention.

9/Phone Box 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.(on going)

10/Dunbeath Broch – NB stated that there was 5000 hits on Facebook showing interest about the work that was going on, he was disappointed with the turnout for the living history day. There is to be a dry stone workshop at the Dunbeath Heritage centre (free) he also stated that the Victorians had excavated part of the Broch and spoilt part of the stone chambers.

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; it has been noted that the scaffold has been removed, grass cut and the place tidied up must be close to letting it.

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 has submitted a funding application to Tesco Bags and waiting information to get an application into Bowl 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. Magnus Henderson asked the question if the wind farm was to go ahead would the money be controlled by the C/C or a company or panel set up to organise the finance NB stated that he would hope a company would be set up with a panel to organise the finances independent of other organisations. (on going)

18/Future Plans; Frank Sutherland gave a brief update on the two public meetings held in the Dunbeath Heritage Centre he explained there was now a Steering Group set-up comprising 10 people of which there were three Community Councillors. He had looked at getting a Local Survey done to find out what the community wants to get involved in. NB stated that an application for £5000 was submitted to Bowl to help setting up the youth group. NB also had a meeting with Matt Dent the Highland Council footpath officer they visited the camels hump, coopers roadie and the path that leads up to Portormin Head Matt Dent suggested the coopers roadie required lazy steps and drainage cleaned, the camels hump required drains cleaned before surfacing. Matt also suggested we do not touch the path to Portormin Head leave it to the J.O.G Trail to organise.

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; NB read out a e-mail from the Dunbeath Centre asking if they were willing to hold a meeting there so that they could show Members and community their refurbishment as the members were not quorate NB asked that it be held over until the next meeting. NB read out a letter from The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust about its forthcoming AGM on 14 September 2018.

NB read out a e-mail from Police Scotland the Little Book of Big Scams and a Little Book Of Cyber Scams (official) NB was to put the web contact on the C/C Folder for the public to see.

Magnus Henderson suggested the Police should have some sort of Telephone System among the Farmers and Crofters to locate the amount of stolen equipment taken from our area.

21/Date of Next Meeting: 1st October 2018 in Dunbeath Hall

22/Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon- Magnus Henderson stated that he was making slow progress on getting answers out of the M.O.D.

23/Micro Grant Applications; There was one application from Kathleen Gunn for £250.00 for flower bulbs as there were areas in the community yet to be planted. No decision could be made as the members were not quorate. NB stated he would e-mail the members that were not at meeting for their views.

24/ NB thanked Paul Kerridge for his contribution to the C/C and the community and was sad to lose such a willing helper in many organisations and he wished him all the best in their new home in Wales.