

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 5th November 2018

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary); Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA; Jenna Irvine JI; Fiona Donn FD.

Highland Council: Ramond Bremner. RB. Attended the meeting late.

Members of Public: James MacBeath, Magnus Henderson.

1/ Apologies: There were none.

2/Co-optation of new member, Donna Mathieson, Proposed by **NB** seconded by **JJ** motion was carried. **FA** reminded **NB** there was a proper procedure to co-opting members on to committees this was to propose the person at the previous meeting and not spring the decision on members without prior discussion. Donna was welcomed into the meeting.

3/ Minutes of meeting 1st October 2018 was circulated and proposed by Bryan Macleod seconded by Fiona Donn.

4/ Financial Statement, as of 05.11.2018

Current Account Balance	£42.26
Income During the Month	£0.00
Expenditure during month	£0.00
Balance	£42.26
Development Account Balance	£4,157.97
Expenditure during month	£0.00
AOC Archaeology	£1,980.00
Income During the Month	
Historic Environment Scotland	£2,000.00
Balance	£4,337.97
of which Micro Grant money	
of which Flower Planters money	<u>£2,500.00</u>
of which Broch money	-£1,800.00
Balance	£3,637.97
Village Warden Account Balance	£313.91
Expenditure During Month	£0.00
Income During the Month	£0.00
Balance	£313.91
Total Assets	£3,994.18
Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund	05/04/17
Opening Balance	£5097.25
Balance	£5097.25

5/Carried from previous meeting: Financial; **NB** presented Draft Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2018, after an explanation to members they were accepted awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate to be signed. (on going)

6/ Caithness Community Partnership - No representative or report **RB** state there is to be a meeting in Pentland Hotel in November to discuss progress.

7/Police Report; No representative attended the meeting, **JG** circulated the report from 1st October 2018 no comments.

8/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 no work has been undertaken to date. Site checked by **JG** 2nd October.

9/ John O Groats trail seems to have gone quiet.

10/ 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)

11/ Dunbeath Broch – **NB** stated that he had organised a £10,000 loan from the Highland Council until the Grants come in, he also stated that most of the work had been completed on the Broch and that the only site work left to do is the plinth for the interpretation panel. (on going)

12/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; no word of work commencing. **RB** requested an update from Tommy Deans Bear Scotland. Archaeologists are currently on site surveying. (on going)

13/ Bowl Micro Grants; One application from Dunbeath Preservation Trust.

14/ Old Police House; **NB** had contacted Pentland Housing but no response, ready for let. It had been passed to a different section in Pentland housing.

15/ Footpath on old Brae; Councillor Raymond Bremner made some excuses as the council was short of staff and there were other priorities, it was pointed out to **RB** the contractor that was doing the work should have been made to complete the work to a satisfactory standard.

16/ Flower Planters and Tubs; **JG** stated that he has submitted a funding application to Tesco Bags and heard nothing. **JG** asked if he could up the amount he was applying to Bowl from £5000 to £6000 as he had done a re-costing and cost have gone up this was agree by the members application was nearly ready to be submitted.

17/ Community Council Funding; quite a discussion with **RB** about this problem matter to be brought up at Association of Community Councils (on going)

18/ Badfern Wind Farm, **NB** had a meeting with Wind Farm Company on 10 October 2018 and they were going to come and give an update at the December meeting. A discussion followed about the membership of the panel and it was generally considered that they should all be elected. **NB** to look at ways of doing this.

19/ Future Plans; Frank Sutherland has retired from the group due to ill health, Meg Sinclair has also left the group but they have held a recent meeting and the group is getting a constitution together. **NB** also had a meeting with Matt Dent the Highland Council footpath

officer they visited the post office path, coopers roadie (on going)

20/ Carried on from previous meetings 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) **RB** requested a update from Area Planning Manager Dyfydd Jones on what is happening as work is progressing no further progress.

21/NB read out a letter from Moray West asking for a meeting, members suggested that the whole Caithness coastal membership should get together and meet them. **JG** to organise.

AOCB, **NB** was to request signs from Highland Council directing people to the public toilets as he caught public relieving themselves at the rear of his property.

The Youth Project had held a Table top sales day in the Community hall and raised £744.00 thanks go out to all that contributed and supported the project.

GDRP: a short discussion took place about the information held on computers and e-mails **RB** to advise.

Correspondence: **NB** read out a e-mail from Highland Council about consultation on planning applications, at present it goes to the Secretary, Members decided it stay the same. **NB** read out a scoping report for 11 wind turbines at Stempster beside Achavanich Latheron asking if we would supply two members for a consultation panel.

RB gave a brief statment on the damage the wind farms were doing to our roads.

JG brought the state of the riverside car park in Wick soon to be unusable, **RB** said they have discovered the car park belongs to Highland Council **RB** to look into problem.

NB presented a report on the Caithness Local Plan Berriedale and Dunbeath not mentioned.

JJ:asked if a letter was sent to Stage Coach **JG** showed copy of letter never received a reply.

NB: read out information from WEA Women in the Highlands contents were noted.

NB stated that Welbeck Estate had purchased two of the picnic benches from Berriedale and Dunbeath Community Council.

22/ Date of Next Meeting: 3rd December 2018 in the Dunbeath Community Centre

23/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon- Magnus Henderson said he had nothing to report.

24/Micro Grant Applications; An application from Dunbeath Preservation Trust for £250.00 grant assistance towards Travel and administration costs for People to give Lecture and presentation on their Neil Gunn weekend on 8th November 2018. Members discussed the application and decided not to award any grant assistance as it did not meet the criteria.