

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 7th January 2019

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary); Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA; Fiona Donn FD; Donna Matheson DM,

Highland Council: There was none.

Members of Public: Charles Allsop,

1/ Apologies: Magnus Henderson, Jenna Irvine.

2/ Minutes of meeting 3rd December 2018 was circulated and proposed by Francis Allan seconded by Donna Matheson.

3/ **Financial Statement, as of 07.01.2019**

Current Account Balance	£42.26	
Income During the Month	£0.01	
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Balance	£42.27	
Development Account Balance	£13,167.97	
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Income During the Month	£1.68	
Balance	£13,169.65	magnify
which Micro Grant money		
of which Flower Planters money	<u>£2,500.00</u>	
of which Broch money	£6,030.00	
Youth Group	£1,000.00	
Balance	£3,639.65	
Village Warden Account Balance	£313.95	
Expenditure		
Village Officer	£1,330.00	Outstanding
Income		
Association	£1,330.00	
Interest	£0.05	
Balance	£314.00	
Total Assets	£3,995.92	
Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund	05/04/18	
Opening Balance	£5097.25	
Expenditure	£1,939.66	
Balance	£3,210.44	

4/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)

5/ Caithness Community Partnership - No representative or report **RB** state there is to be a meeting in Pentland Hotel in November to discuss progress. Comments from members that the project was a Dead Duck as there was no finance to instigate any projects.

6/Police Report; No representative attended the meeting, no report submitted.

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 no work has been undertaken to date. Site checked by JG 2nd October. (on going)

8/John O Groats trail nothing to report, as rearguards the trail. JG reported there was a incident at Knockinon where a tup attacked a walker and the person ended up in hospital with injuries.

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 next year. Seems the trust would like to shift the agreed site. (on going)

10/ 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.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Latest news is that the tenders are supposed to be sent to Transport Scotland this month, Start date will depend on how successful the tenders are and plans to start the work with bird nesting season and other requirements. (on going)

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; one application carried over from December meeting from Christmas Lights Group.

13/ Old Police House; now let and occupied.

14/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, 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. (on going)

15/ Flower Planters and Tubs; **JG** stated that he has submitted a funding application to Tesco Bags and heard nothing. Application submitted to Bowl for £6000.00 (on going)

16/ Community Council Funding; Carried over from previous meetings, a discussion with **RB** about this problem matter to be brought up at Association of Community Councils (on going)

17/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, (Culvid) no correspondence.

18/ Future Plans; **NB** suggested that the C/C and the Development Trust meet and discuss a way forward as time is moving on. Members were of the opinion we should speak to a consultant and get matters moving **NB** to arrange to find out their proposals. NB suggested that we get professional tourist website made for the village. It was agreed to get quotes for

2 to be done. One for Dunbeath and one for Berriedale. NB to get quotes and look at the options for the IP name

19/ Carried on from previous meetings: **JG** passed around a letter he received from Highland Council Area Planning about the Renovation of Derelict Property at Market Hill Dunbeath no further progress seems to be made from the Planning or Building authorities and the occupants are carrying on building a extension to the property.

20/ Moray West: **NB** Stated that some of the members along with other members from Caithness communities had a meeting on 26 November in the Portland Arms Hotel in Lybster with Mr Roger McMichael Stakeholder Manager and Jamie Grant Development Manager. Members of the The Highland Council has approved planning Permission for the Wind Farm.

21/ Bowl **NB** stated that there was a conflict on multi applications to do with a Science Seminar applying for funding across all groups.

22/GDPR **NB** is to organise a form for individuals to complete so that we comply with the legislation may come that notes and letters may have to be posted and not e-mailed **NB** stated he asked the Area Manager for advice on getting the C/C on the right footing.

23/**NB** Brought up a e-mail he received from Scottish Power Renewables' Halsary Wind Farm about joining their liaison group after a short discussion Members decided not to proceed with joining the Group.

24/**NB** also read out a e-mail he received from Councillor Raymond Bremner about The Berriedale Brae realignment project it stated there should be a answer when it goes ahead within 20 working days.

25/**NB** Brought up a item that was discussed at the Association of Community Councils about the state of the roads and car parks, members thought the matter should be raised with their Local Councillor when they come to meetings. The 3 points to be raised were 1 Lack of attendance of councillors at community council meetings. 2 Lack of action by officials in departments. 3 General state of roads.

26/ Charles Allsop Raised a question about the Markers at the road side some of them were broken and the sharp pieces were sticking our of the ground if some one tripped and landed on it would be dangerous, **BM** was to look into the problem but the design and maintenance lay with Transport Scotland.

27/Date of Next Meeting: 4th February 2019

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

29/ Micro Grant Applications; An application from Dunbeath Christmas Lights for £250.00 Members of public along with **FA** and **JG** retired from the meeting, Members discussed the application and approved it, **JG** to inform the Group.