

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 4th February 2019

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary); Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA; Jenna Irvine JI; Donna Matheson DM,

Highland Council: Councillor Raymond Bremner.

Members of Public: Charles Allsop,

1/ Apologies: Magnus Henderson, Fiona Donn.

2/ Minutes of meeting 7th January 2019 was circulated and proposed by Francis Allan seconded by Bryan MacLeod.

3/ Financial Statement, as of 04.02.2019

Current Account Balance	£42.27	
Income During the Month	£383.64	HC Grant
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Balance	£425.91	

Development Account Balance	£13,169.65	
Expenditure during month	£0.00	
Income During the Month		
Balance	£13,169.65	
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	£314.00	
Expenditure		
Village Officer		
Income		
Association		
Interest		
Balance	£314.00	

Total Assets	£4,379.56	
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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, all completed signed and money received.

5/ Caithness Community Partnership - No representative or report **RB** state there is to be a meeting on the 13 February 2019, **NB** was of the opinion that Dunbeath has been dropped from the Partnership.

6/Police Report; **JG** received the report on 11 January 2019 and circulated it by e-mail hard copy was passed for all to see.

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) Wrong time of year to do this kind of projects.

8/John O Groats trail: **NB** read out a e-mail from Jim Bunting John O Groats Trail Ranger asking communities up the Caithness Coast whether they would be interested in further path developments to encourage people to access the local coastline, **NB** was to ask Jim Bunting to attend a C/C meeting.

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: Interpretation plinth still to be built. Top yet to be put on seat at Heritage centre, **NB** had a meeting on Saturday 2 February 2019 to see progress. Due to permissions from HES and carbon dating the project is unlikely to be completed until July 2019.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod no decision yet on start Date, various e-mails from **RB** about lead in times hopefully not to far away. **DM** said that Berriedale Church had applied to have the artefacts stored at Berriedale Church. **NB** said they may have to go to a classified premise under temperature control.

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; No applications received.

13/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, 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)

14/ 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) **NB** stated it should be discussed at a meeting in Bowl Committee on 25 February 2019.

15/ 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)

16/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, (Culvid) no correspondence. It was noted that an Anemometer mast has been applied for Planning Permission.

17/ Future Plans; **NB** suggested that there was no response from the Development Trust the C/C should move forward with a Feasibility Study/Development Plan/Vision for Dunbeath and employ a consultant, **NB** had quotes from Alan Jones Associates that he e-mailed all members. **NB** suggested the Villages should set up a Tourist web page. It was agreed That he should purchase 2 web addresses at a cost of £70 for two years.

18/ 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 an extension to the property. **RB** to have meeting with Area Planning Manager.

19/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. (on going)

20/**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. (on going)

21/ 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** explained the way to get matters seen to was by reporting them on the 0800141428 number then the complaint would be logged in the system.

22/**JG** presented a letter to **NB** informing the members that the Christmas Lights Committee has applied to Tesco Bags for extra funding, the application if successful will be paid to the C/C then forwarded to the Christmas Lights Group.

23/ **FA** asked **RB** was the Highland Council involved in building this new Broch at John O Groats **RB** did not think it was feasible as it would cost a great deal of money and have to meet all health and safety standards. FA thought the money would be better spent in turning the real broch's into attractive tourist attractions.

24/ **JG** stated he was looking into getting costs for signs showing where the Defibrillators were situated in Berriedale and Dunbeath.

25/ It was noted that the school had done a beach clean and **JG** was to send a letter of thanks and congratulations. It was decided to organise a community litter pick for April 13th. **JI** to post on facebook.

26/ Date of Next Meeting: 4th March 2019

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

27/**JI** wished to retire from Bowl Group as she had taken on other commitments. This was

offered to other members no one would take it on **NB** asked if **JG** would take it on as the group was short of members **JG** agreed to fill the post.