

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 1st April 2019

Members Present.

Neil Buchanan NB (Chairperson); John Gunn JG (Secretary): Bryan MacLeod BM; Francis Allan FA:

Highland Councillor Raymond Bremner.

Members of Public: Frank Sutherland, Magnus Henderson, Sue Steven.

1/ Apologies: Fiona Donn, Jenna Irvine, Donna Matheson, Michelle Johnstone.

2/ Minutes of meeting 4th March 2019 were circulated and proposed by Bryan MacLeod, seconded by Francis Allan.

3/ Financial statement, Questions were asked about cost of Broch Seat NB gave explanation on expenditure. Members accepted statement.

4/ Financial Statement, as of 01.04.2019

Current Account balance	£243.91
Income	£0.03 Interest
	£250.00 Transfer from No 2 Account
Expenditure	£20.00 Outstanding room hire
Secretary	£350.00 Outstanding
Insurance	£86.00
Balance	£37.94
Development Account balance	£12,063.65
Expenditure during month	£2,275.00 Broch Seat
	£2,200.00 Plinth
	£250.00 Micro grant Transport Science 03 Dunbeath School
	£250.00 Micro grant Dunbeath Centre
Income During Month	£6,000.00 Bowl Planters
	£6,600.00 National Lottery Broch
	£1.75 Interest
	£955.40 Youth Group
Balance	£14,909.36
of which Micro Grant money	
of which Flower pot money	£2,763.74
of which Broch money	£5,275.00
Youth Group	£1955.22
Balance	£4,915.22
Village Warden Account balance	£314.00
Expenditure	
Income During Month	£0.09 Interest
Balance	£314.09
Total Assets	£5,249.31

- 5/ Caithness Community Partnership: Julie Marker Development Officer C.V.G Aspiring Communities (Rural) is to be the new person in place of Andrew Dick Scottish Fire and Rescue.
- 6/ Police Report; **JG** stated that he had not received a report this month.
- 7/ Matters Arising; **RB** stated that he had brought up the Achorn Bridge and it had been added to the list where a Design /method statement would be prepared.
- 8/ John O Groats trail: **NB** read out an e-mail from Jim Bunting John O Groats Trail Ranger and agreed to ask him to attend a meeting when it was suitable for members.(on going)
- 9/ Phone Box John Irvine to get spare parts to complete Box. Latest news is he has the spare parts hopefully will see it in place this year. Seems the trust would like to shift the agreed site. (on going)
- 10/ Dunbeath Broch: **NB** stated work was progressing very slowly on the reporting side but the Plinth and the Seat at Heritage Centre were finished. (on going)
- 11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod Planning application in for Office and Construction Compounds North of Strathview House Berriedale. **NB** stated they were looking to employ a Community Liaison Officer.
- 12/ Bowl Micro Grants; one application received discussed at end of meeting.
- 13/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, (on going)
- 14/ Flower Planters and Tubs; **JG** stated that the Planters and tubs were now ordered and awaiting delivery.
- 15/ Community Council Funding;**RB** stated there was a extra £10,000.00 in the pot this year **NB** asked if there was a form to fill in to get this extra money **RB** to investigate when this money would become available.
- 16/Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** passed around a plan layout of the proposed turbines, company to attend next meeting, **NB** stated he had meeting with applicant and had agreed a community benefit proposal to be paid when work commences. They were coming to the next meeting with a draft agreement.
- 17/ Future Plans; **NB** proposed C/C should move forward with Feasibility Study/Development Plan/Vision for Dunbeath and employ a consultant, **NB** had quotes from Alan Jones Associates that he e-mailed all members, Frank Sutherland asked is any other consultant had been asked to look at the feasibility study and tender for this work. **NB** said he had not asked any other organisations. **NB** also stated he was looking into a walking path at Dunbeath School. **NB** also stated he was looking at informational signs up the Dunbeath Strath to show people the different locations. He was reminded there were different land owners up the Strath.
- 18/ Carried on from previous meetings: Renovation of Derelict property at Market Hill Dunbeath **RB** stated he had various meetings with Dayfydd Jones Area Planning and

Building Standards Manager and they were hoping to resolve the unauthorised development
RB informed the meeting that enforcement action was being sought he also suggested the
C/C write another letter voicing their concerns.

19/GDPR **NB** is to organise a form for individuals to complete so that we comply with the
legislation. (on going)

20/**NB** Brought up an 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 **RB** stated that the Council had costed the resurfacing of the car park
or just patching the potholes. (on going)

21/ Restoration and Repairs to Proposed Brochs **RB** suggested this should be raised at The
Association of Community Councils.

22/ **JG** stated he was looking into getting costs for signs showing where the Defibrillators
were situated in Berriedale and Dunbeath. (on going)

23/ **JI** had published the Community litter pick on Facebook for 13th April meeting at 10 am
Dunbeath community Centre.

24/Date of Next Meeting: 6th May 2019

25/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon Magnus Henderson stated that
there was two types of Radar Station on the go at the moment no decision was made at
moment.

26/ AOCB Letter from Roda Grant NB gave a report on situation concerning broadband.
E-mail Scottish Community Council Policy
Consultation for new Radio Base Station at Ousdale Berriedale.
Letter from The Flat Earth Inverness. Contents of all noted no action.

Members of Public and Councillor retired from meeting.

Members discussed Micro Grant application from Dunbeath Heritage Centre for Grant
assistance to install a new sign above the door. Application was discussed at great length
and approved for the sum of £250.00.