

# BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Members Present.

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

Highland Councillor: Nicola Sinclair. NS.

Members of Public: Sue Steven, Sheila Rapson, Charles Allsop,

1/ Apologies: Michelle Johnstone. Magnus Henderson, Raymond Bremner.

2/ Minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 were circulated and proposed by Francis Allan seconded by Bryan MacLeod.

3/ Financial statement, Received.

4/ **NB** introduced Nicola Sinclair to all present as our councillor for the next session.

### 5/ **Financial Statement, as of 06.05.2019**

Current Account balance	£37.94
Income	£0.0
Expenditure	
Balance	£37.94
Development Account balance	£14,409.36
Expenditure during month	£422.59 Outstanding Mackay Precast £8,000.00 Highland Council Loan £3,222.00 AOC Archaeology £1,772.40 Outstanding AOC Archaeology £250.00 Outstanding Microgrant Heritage Centre
Income During Month	£10,523.44
Balance	£11,265.81
of which Micro Grant money	-£500.00
of which Flower pot money	£2,341.15
of which Broch money	£4,578.04
Youth Group	£1955.22
Balance	£2,891.22
Village Warden Account balance	£314,00
Expenditure	
Income During Month	
Balance	£314.09
Total Assets	£3,205.31

6/Caithness Community Partnership: I have been informed on the replacement for Andrew Dick (SFRS) is Jim Donaldson on the Locality Plan, and not Julie Marker as she is employed by (CVG) as Caithness Development Officer for Rural Caithness.

7/Police Report; **JG** stated that he had not received a report this month.

8/ 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 (on going)

9/ 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. **NB** to contact Jim Bunting and arrange for next C/C meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

10/ 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)

11/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** stated work was progressing very slowly on the reporting side but the Plinth and the Seat at Heritage Centre were finished. **NB** stated that a Draft report on the findings has been done but is not public knowledge yet.

12/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod work on site compound and offices well under way.

13/ Bowl Micro Grants; one application received discussed at end of meeting.

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

15/ Flower Planters and Tubs; **JG** stated that the Planters and tubs were now stored in his big shed, the bases have all been installed some have to be slabbed, Planters and Tubs are hoping to be installed in the last week in May with the planting taking place at the same time if weather allows.

16/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. **NS** said she would look into this matter.

17/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** stated that the company had not attended this meeting as it was the May day holiday. Hopefully they would turn up at our next meeting with a draft proposal on community benefit.

18/ 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, Questions were asked if other consultants had been asked to quote for the Study, **NB** to look into getting other Quotes. **FA** asked **NB** about the proposed new footpath proposed at Dunbeath school **FA** stated it was mentioned at previous meeting but no decision was taken for the C/C to apply for a grant from Bowl to fund it, **FD** pointed out that the school did not own that playground and we would need landowners permission to do any work. **NB** to discuss with Carol Grant

Head Teacher.

**NB** also stated he put in a application to Bowl for funding for Webb sites Dunbeath.org and Berriedale.org

19/ 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.

20/ GDPR **NB** produced a form with a policy for FOI request **NS** thought the best the C/C should contact Alex Macmanus for advice what other C/C are doing.

21/**NB** Brought up an item that was discussed at the Association of Community Councils about the state of the roads and car parks, **NS** stated that they were looking at resurfacing the riverside car park subject to finance being available.

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

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

24/**NB** stated the members of the community had a very successful Litter Pick and Thanked everyone for their effort.

25/Date of Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2019

26/ Charles Allsop gave an update on a discussion he had with Nick Scroggie from digital Scotland about the Broadband update in the Berriedale Borgue area this is all dependant on what works may have to be done with the road alterations.

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

28/ AOCB: E-mail from Joe Perry about making The Flow Country a World Heritage Site. E-mail about Community Council Scheme Review 2018-19 members to reply be e-mail. Newspaper Club was circulated for local stories send to [learning@northlandscreative.co.uk](mailto:learning@northlandscreative.co.uk) Timetable of dates for forth coming C/C Elections later this year.

29/ Micro Grant: Charles Allsop submitted the application on behalf of Portland Hall committee Berriedale for funding assistance to purchase competitors medals Members discussed the application and decided to grant £250.00 to assist with purchasing medals.