

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 3rd June 2019

Members Present,

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

Highland Councillor: Nicola Sinclair. NS.

Members of Public: Charles Allsop, Frank Sutherland.

1/Apologies; Michelle Johnstone. Jenna Irvine.

2/Minutes of meeting 6th May 2019 were circulated and proposed by Donna Matheson seconded by Fiona Donn.

3/Financial statement, Received.

4/ Financial Statement, as of 03.06.2019

Current Account balance	£37.94
Income	£0.0
Expenditure	
Balance	£37.94
Development Account balance	£11,515.81
Expenditure during month	
AOC Archaeology	£841.80
Income During Month	
Balance	£10,674.01
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	£2,299.42
Village Warden Account balance	£314,00
Expenditure	
Income During Month	
Balance	£314.09
Total Assets	£2,613.51

5/Caithness Community Partnership: a meeting was held in Dunbeath Centre on 14 May **NB** attended and stated there was not much progress on Development work in the community.

6/Police Report; **JG** stated that he had circulated the report via e-mail to members.

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 (on going)

8/ John O Groats trail: **NB** to arrange meeting with Jim Bunting John O Groats Trail Ranger when members and concerned landowners could attend.

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 nearly completed waiting for information display and carbon dating details.

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

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; no applications received this month.

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 planted and various people in the Community looking after them we had to supply funnels and watering cans to assist those looking after them all reports the public are very happy with them there is a Panel on the Big planters for a Logo or Crest **JG** has spoken to both Estates to come up with a suggestion to complete the appearance.

15/Community Council Funding; **NS** stated there was a award of £500.00 granted to each C/C towards administration. There is also a pot of £14,000 to which each community council can apply for projects on a first come first served basis. **NB** to find out how we can receive this money.

16/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** stated that the company had gone back on their word and not came forward with the draft community benefit agreement. In future **NB** to be accompanied by another community councillor for all meetings with the developer. There is a public presentation in the Dunbeath Community Centre on 13 June from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock.

17/ Future Plans; **NB** stated we should put matters on hold in the mean time, no decision was made. **NB** also stated that at the request of the head teacher he had applied to the Beatrice fund for funding to install a footpath around the school playground, **FD** said she attended a Parents Teacher Association (PTA) meeting and they knew nothing about the C/C applying for funding to do this project.

FA asked why **NB** should be going away making applications for funding without first bring the project in front of the C/C as the applicant was responsible for overseeing how the project was carried out. Members after a discussion about the suitability of the park due to water problems could not support the application and the project should be withdrawn. Members also suggested all applications for funding should require two signatories from the C/C and brought in front of the C/C. In the event of deadlines having to be met a special meeting to be called.

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

Berriedale.org

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 **NS** to bring problem up with Dayfydd Jones.

19/ 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.

20/**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 this matter was raised to last Area Council meeting and funding was ear marked for doing the job.

21/ Restoration and Repairs to Proposed Brochs **NB** suggested this should be raised at The Association of Community Councils. (on going)

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

23/ **NB** and **FD** attended a meeting in Dunbeath Heritage centre to do with the Flow Country going for World Heritage Status both stated there were some good ideas passed around and asked if the C/C could do a letter of support. Agreed.

24/Date of Next Meeting: 1st July 2019

25/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon Magnus Henderson he stated there is very slow progress in getting the MOD to agree to share Radar equipment.

26/Strath project: **NB** suggested that Dunbeath Strath should have Interpretation panels situated at various sites up the Strath starting off at the harbour/mill/bridge/monastery /broch/Milton/old Caithness road/picnic green/Balantra bridge/Prisoners Leap/Loedebest, it was suggested **NB** said there were six landowners involved. The community council said they wanted them consulted before before it goes any further.

27/ Frank Sutherland brought up who installed a collection box on the railing at Dunbeath Harbour, **JG** to investigate and report at next meeting.