

# **BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

Members Present,

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

Highland Councillor: Apologies were received from Nicola Sinclair.

Members of Public: Frank Sutherland. and Magnus Henderson.

**JG** asked members to note an amendment to item 27 in the minutes Frank Sutherland asked “did anyone know which organisation had erected a collection box” he did not ask “who” as regards to a specific person. Amendment was noted.

1/Apologies; Michelle Johnstone NHS, Jenna Irvine. Fiona Donn, Carol Tait NHS, Kay Allan NHS,

2/Minutes of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were circulated and proposed by Francis Allan seconded by Bryan Macleod.

3/Financial statement, Received.

#### **4/ Financial Statement, as of 01.07.2019**

Current Account balance	£37.94
Income	£0.0
Interest	£0.08
Highland Council	£469.64
Expenditure	
Balance	£507.66
Development Account balance	£10,424.01
Expenditure during month	
AOC Archaeology	£2,641.80
Greens Nurseries	£427.32
Seaview Flowers	£487.40
John Gunn	£241.94
Income During Month	
Greens Nurseries	£17.76
Interest	£1.62
Balance	£6,644.93
of which Micro Grant money	-£500.00
of which Flower pot money	£1,103.25
of which Broch money	£1,094.44
Youth Group	£1955.40
Balance	£2,299.84
Village Warden Account balance	£314,00
Expenditure	

Income During Month	£0.04
Balance	£314.13
 Total Assets	 £3,305.97

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. Next meeting to be held in Dunbeath Fire Station in August **NB** to ask CVG to see what roll Julie Marker is in the organisation.

6/Police Report; none to hand.

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 work in progress.

10/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** stated work was nearly completed waiting for information display and carbon dating details. The carbon dating has arrived and they range from 100AD to 1000 AD.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod work on site well under way. Question was asked why the lay-by opposite old cemetery closed off when there was no traffic lights or work taking place, **NB** to discuss with Site Agent.

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, no reply from estates about crest for Planters.

15/Community Council Funding; No further information when extra funding will be paid.

16/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** stated that the company held a meeting in the community hall and that there was not a lot of information those that attended.

17/ Future Plans; **NB** stated that a few parents were unhappy that the footpath at the school was not going ahead. Frank Sutherland said he had also parents asking why the footpath was not going ahead, **NB** informed all present that at the previous meeting members did not want to support the project.

**BOWL** had agreed to the finance for the tourist web sites for Berriedale & Dunbeath. **NB** asked all present to send in information about the community for him to correlate and send to the developer.

18/ Carried on from previous meetings: Renovation of Derelict property at Market Hill Dunbeath (on going)

19/**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. (on going)

20/**JG** stated he was looking into getting costs for signs showing where the Defibrillators were situated in Berriedale and Dunbeath. **JG** stated he had costs from Acorn Signs in Inverness £35.00 for signs that attach to poles £20 for flat signs, **BM** suggested he knew a company that Bear deal with he was to look into costings and be in contact with **JG**.

21/Dunbeath Strath Project: **NB** stated he was asking permission of members to apply for funding to install interpretation signs at various locations of interest along the Strath, This would be a pre-application as the cost of the project could exceed £60.000, he is having a meeting with Matt Dent the Highland Councils Access path officer before submitting scheme, members allowed **NB** to apply for funding, subject to Landowners permission.

22/Date of Next Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

23/ 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.

24/ Collection Box at Dunbeath Harbour: **JG** said he investigated the collection box and discovered Simon MacLeod Chairman of Christmas Lights Committee had installed the box collecting for the Flower Display and to support the Christmas Lights permissions have been sought from Tony Usher Harbour Manager Highland Council who is delighted to see the Harbour area being given a facelift.

25/ **NB** gave a short preview of the new community council web site which he hoped would be in place by the end of the month.