

BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 7th October 2019

Members Present,

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

Highland Councillor: Nicola Sinclair NS

Members of Public: Magnus Henderson.

1/Apologies; Charles Alsopp. Julie Marker. Jenna Irvine

2/Minutes of meeting 2nd September 2019 were circulated and proposed Fiona Donn
Seconded by Donna Mathieson.

3/Financial statement, Approved

4/ Financial Statement, as of 07.10.2019

Current Account balance	£7,755.43
Income	
Interest	£0,034
Expenditure	
No 2 Account	£6,767.77
Association	£30.00
Balance	£958.00
Development Account balance	£6,644.93
Expenditure during month	
Highland Council Loan	£2000.00
Singing Sheets	£181.30
Income During Month	
Current Account	£6,767.77
Interest	£0.93
Balance	£11,232.33
of which Micro Grant money	-£681.30
of which Flower pot money	£1,103.25
of which Broch money	£3,712.21
Web Sites	£2,150.00
Youth Group	£1,955.40
Balance	£2,992.77
Village Warden Account balance	£314.13
Expenditure	
Income During Month	

Interest	£0.04
Balance	£314.17
Total Assets	£11,062.37

Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund 05/08/19
Balance £3,210.44

5/Caithness Community Partnership: Meeting held in Dunbeath Fire Station in August. No member of community council was able to attend as it was during working hours.

6/Police Report; none to hand.

7/ Matters Arising; **NS** stated that she 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** informed the meeting that Jim Bunting was unable to attend for personal reasons. **NB** stated he will organise another meeting.

9/ Phone Box (John Irvine) has been fixed on site. **NB** Had the map from the Heritage centre and had asked the relevant businesses to give him A4 sheets to put in the telephone box. **NB** stated things are on hold because of the box being erected in front of the Lady's toilet door.

10/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** stated work was nearly completed and waiting for panel to go on to plinth. Outstanding Leaflet, final talk and road signs. **NB** stated that the first Panel sent was not what they required.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor is to be R J MacLeod work on site well under way. **NB** said the last blast was to be on Tuesday.

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; 1 application received this month. From Dunbeath & District Centre.

13/ Footpath on old Brae; Carried over from previous meetings, (on going) **NS** to bring matter up with Roads. **NS** gave a update the holes were supposed to be filled.

14/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, **NB** stated that he had a discussion with Mr Gilbert Stevenson and this was confirmed by a letter dated 24.07.2019 confirming that they were prepared to enter into a Community fund with an annual payment of £5,000 per Megawatt of installed capacity. Payment to be made at start of work. (on going)

15/ Future Plans; **NB** asked all present to send in information about the community for him to correlate and send to the developer of the web sites. **BM** and **DM** had done so. When we did the village consultation the highest response was for an upgraded playpark. **NB** asked **FA** if the hall would lead on the project as it was on their land and the community council was restricted in the number of projects it can submit. **FA** agreed to discuss it at a hall committee meeting. **NB** also raised the prospect of getting dark sites registered, The

Caithness Astronomical Group had already suggested 2 in our area at Badbea and Dunbeath harbour. It was agreed to ask them to formally assess sites in the area prior to an application to have them registered. The village leaflet is ongoing and we need help with this. **FA** stated the Development Trust was to look at taking on the application for the Playpark.

16/ Carried on from previous meetings: Renovation of Derelict property at Market Hill Dunbeath (on going) **NS** to chase up and give response to members.

17/**NB** Brought up an item that was discussed at the Association of Community Councils about the state of the roads and car parks, **RB** gave a breakdown on what was proposed for the riverside car park in Wick **RB** explained that there was to be Electric charging points Better disabled parking areas for caravan and motor home parking. (on going)

18/**JG** stated he had costs from Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company their quotation was a long way cheaper than Acorn Signs. Members decided to order these signs. **NB** to apply to community fund for finance.

19/Dunbeath Strath Project. The application was for footpath improvements, waymarkers and interpretation panels at key points from the harbour up the strath. Pre application in for consideration on September 16th. **NB** stated Bowl Group approved the go ahead for a full application for funding the scheme.

20/Correspondence concerning Berriedale Broadband with Nick Scroggie indicated that at this time it will not proceed. **NB** has letter from Paul Wheelhouse via Rhoda Grant about lack of progress on Broadband Speeds in Berriedale.

21/Correspondence: Thank you letter from Augusta Hutt thanking members for the Micro Grant enabling them to purchase ring binders poly pockets and photocopying. We also received a e-mail from Penny Weaver Highland Council about a consultation on Tourism Levy, or Transient Visitor Levy, Members discussed this around for a while and did not come to any agreement.

AOCB,

NB brought up new rules on Occasional Licences, **NS** to investigate and report.

NB Suggested that we run a 2020 community event like the queen's jubilee. He had approached Fiona Morrison and she had said it would fit the BOWL funding criteria. The community council felt it was a lot of work and the decision should be deferred until the new community council is in place.

22/ Date of Next Meeting:4th November 2019 in Dunbeath Community Centre.

23/ Update on Community wind turbines at Knockinnon. Magnus Henderson is to have a meeting on 8th October we await the outcome.

24/ Microgrant application was rejected.

