

# **BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Highland Councillor: Willie Mackay welcomed all to the first meeting of the new Community Council.

Appointment of Office Bearers for Berriedale and Dunbeath Community Council.

Appointment of Chairperson, Neil Buchanan Proposed by Charles Althorp, Seconded by Donna Mathieson,

Appointment of Secretary, John A Gunn Proposed by Francis Allan Seconded by Donna Mathieson.

Appointment of Treasurer, Fiona Donn, Proposed by Francis Allan Seconded by Charles Althorp.

Adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders: Members Adopted

Associate Membership: Adopted

Future Meeting Dates: First Monday Every Month where possible.

Any Other Competent Business.

Members Present,

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

Donna Mathieson DM:

Members of Public: Charles Althorp

1/Apologies; Jenna Irvine, Fiona Donn.

2/Minutes of meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Proposed by Donna Mathieson Seconded by Francis Allan.

3/ Co-option of Bryan Macleod, this was approved.

#### **4/ Financial Statement, as of 18.11.2019**

Current Account balance	£958.00
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Income

Expenditure Berriedale Hall	£20.00
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Association

Balance	£938.00
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Development Account balance	£11,232.33
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Expenditure during month

Signs	£259.40
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Berriedale Hall	£250.00
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Income During Month

## Current Account

Balance	£10,722.93
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	£2,483.37

Village Warden Account balance      £314.13  
Expenditure

### Income During Month

Interest      £0.04

Balance      £314.17

Total Assets      £3,755.54

Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund 05/04/19  
Balance      £2,823.78

5/Caithness Community Partnership: Meeting held in Dunbeath Centre on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30. **NB** attending.

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 is no longer with the John O Groats Trail Group.

9/ Phone Box (John Irvine) has been fixed on site. **NB** stated it cost more than expected to renovate the box, **JG** to put a letter to Dunbeath Heritage Trust stating that members of the public had contacted the C/C as they were not happy with the chosen site outside the Ladies toilet.

10/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** Showed photos of the proposed panel to be fixed on plinth in the spring when the weather will be better, he also stated that the talk on the Broch in the Heritage centre was poorly attended.

11/ Berriedale Braes Realignment; Main Contractor statement work is well on schedule.

12/ Bowl Micro Grants; No application received this month.

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, work in progress trailer on Culvid hill with monitoring equipment.

15/ Future Plans; Proposals are moving very slowly no one could give a report.

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, Money has now been sought and work for redevelopment will now progress.

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. This has been granted and Signs have been ordered.

19/Dunbeath Strath Project. Work in progress (on going)

20/Berriedale Broadband it would appear that Open reach is full of excuses about the progress of better Broadband connections in Borgue and Berriedale.

#### **AOCB,**

**NB** brought up new rules on Occasional Licences, **NS** to investigate and report. It would appear that the rules on this matter come from Scottish office not Highland Council C/C members thought it was a step backwards.

**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 there was a split decision as to whether to go ahead so it was decided the decision should be deferred until more members of the community council were present.

22/ Date of Next Meeting: December 2nd 2019.

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

**JG** Asked what was being done about a Street Sign for Knockglass Road and no Through Sign in the Dunbeath village road. **JG** to e-mail Roads Department.

**JG** asked about the maintenance of the Defibrillators **NB** stated he just handed over the box **JG** to speak with Fiona Donn.

**JG** asked if he should send a letter to Gunns Lybster for Donating four lorry loads of Skalpings also to James and Michael Mackay of (Mackay Builders) for the work they did in the Latheron Cemetery. Agreed.