

# BERRIEDALE and DUNBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting 2nd December 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: Charles Allsop.

1/Apologies; Jenna Irvine

2/Minutes of meeting 18 November 2019, Proposed by Francis Allan. Seconded Donna Mathieson.

### 3/ **Financial Statement, as of 02.12.2019**

Current Account balance	£938.00
Income	
Expenditure	
Association	
Balance	£938.00
Development Account balance	£10,722.93
Expenditure during month	
AOC Archaeology	£4,441.80
David Mackay	£1,460.00
Income During Month	
Current Account	
Highland Council	£259.40
Balance	£5,080.53
of which Micro Grant money	-£681.30
of which Flower pot money	£1,103.25
of which Broch money	£2,189.59
Web Sites	£2,150.00
Youth Group	£1,955.40
Balance	£2,742.77
Village Warden Account balance	£314.13
Expenditure	
Income During Month	
Interest	£0,04
Balance	£314.17

Total Assets £3,994.94

**Dunbeath Christmas Lights Fund 05/04/19**

Balance £2,823.78

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

5/Police Report; none to hand.

6/ 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 **NS** added it to her list for Meeting with Roads. (on going)

7/ John O Groats trail: **NB** informed the meeting that Jim Bunting is no longer with the John O Groats Trail Group. No further progress.

8/ Phone Box, A letter was sent to the Dunbeath Preservation Trust about the siting of the phone box outside the Lady's toilet a reply was received from Mr Ranold MacAuslan for the error in not considering the Lady's toilet along with a new position marked on a plan this was discussed with all present and they wished the Phone Box to be sited 2ft away from the wall down at the edge of the tarmacadam this was marked on the plan and **JG** was to write and confirm the new proposed site.

9/Dunbeath Broch: **NB** Showed photos of the proposed panel to be fixed on plinth in the spring when the weather will be better. **NB** passed around a Leaflet he had made before getting them published.

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

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

12/ 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. **FA** confirmed the holes were not filled in.

13/ Dunbeath Wind Farm, work in progress trailer on Culvid hill with monitoring equipment. **NB** circulated ideas for setting up organisation to administer organisation.

14/ Future Plans; **BM**, Proposals are moving very slowly in setting up an organisation.

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

16/ Defibrillator and Toilet signs were delivered not yet installed.

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

18/Berriedale Broadband it would appear that Open reach is full of excuses about the progress of better Broadband connections in Borgue and Berriedale. **NB** stated there were grants available to assist in installing satellite dishes to get better reception.

**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. **NS** stated it was Councillor Willie Mackay and Raymond Bremner that were on the Licensing Board.

**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 Vote was 4 to 2 in favour of proceeding provided other organisations are prepared to contribute.

19/ Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

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

**JG** Stated he had been into Wick service point and left request for a Street sign in Knockglass Road and no through road in Knockglass Road also a no through road Dunbeath Village. **NS** was also to bring up this matter.

**FD** stated that she was looking at the maintenance of the Defibrillator at the Doctors Surgery in Dunbeath.