



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Dunbeath Community Centre
on 6th March 2023 at 7.30pm

1) Welcome, Apologies & Conflict of Interest :

- a) Present: Angus MacInnes, Donna Mathieson, Jenna Irvine, Francis Allan, Trevor Filshie, Andrew Jarvie. **Guest Speaker:** Kenneth McElroy
- b) Members of the public: John Gunn, Frank Sutherland, James MacBeath, Anne MacBeath
- c) Apologies: Neil Buchanan, Anson MacAuslan

2) Opening Remarks: Angus welcomed and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Angus stated how the recent Participatory Grant event was very successful with a remarkable turnout from the community and great projects were presented.

Kenneth from John O Groats Trail was introduced to everyone and thanked for coming along.

3) Action Log:

4) Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by Francis and seconded by Donna.

5) Police:

- a) **Police Report:** There was no police report sent to the community council this month.
- b) **A9 speed limit/no overtaking:** There has been no update from BEAR Scotland to indicate when the detailed engineering assessment would take place. The Community Council were successful in securing funding for an illuminated speed sign that will record data.

6) Communities & Place:

- a) **Playpark:** Dunbeath Community Centre & Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust have been successful in securing £7500 from Halsary Windfarm Fund.
- b) **King's Coronation:** It was communicated and decided by email that the Community Council would not be holding an event for the King's coronation. It was stated that Dunbeath and District Centre are taking

the lead and holding various events over the weekend along with eight other community organisations.

- c) **Bus timetables:** It was brought forward that there is a reduced bus service for the public, and is impacting individuals who rely on this service for transport to employment, appointments. It was agreed this will be investigated to identify what services are no longer available.

7) Education & Learning: N/A

8) Health & Social Care: N/A

9) Infrastructure, Environment & Economy:

- a) **Highland Council road repair:** The conditions of the roads in Berriedale and Dunbeath maintained by the Highland Council are in a poor state. No update.

- b) **John O Groats Trail:** Kenneth gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the John O Groats trail and about his position within the organisation. He spoke about how he is willing to answer any questions and listen to any issues that landowners may have.

- c) **Bridge at Portormin:** The work to repair the bridge is underway.

- d) **Harbour Wall Dunbeath:** The blocks of the small wall separating the carpark and harbour in front of the toilets is crumbling. No update.

- e) **Planning Applications:**
 - i. **Phone mast Berriedale:** The Community Council have been asked to submit a response to the planning application for the phone mast on Welbeck Estate. This has been sent to the planning department.
 - ii. **Proposed Pylons:** The Community Council was asked by a member of the public if the pylons proposed to be erected in the community. The Community Council expressed they have not yet been approached for comments but will be discussing this in due course.

10) Dunbeath bridge: Information was passed on from a member of the community about the noise levels of traffic crossing Dunbeath bridge and the impact this is having on residents living nearby. They have been in communications with Transport Scotland and a noise survey had taken place. They have asked for the community council to proceed with taking this forward. Everyone agreed for this to be done.

- 11) Performance & Governance:**
 - a) **Website:** No update available.

- 12) Property & Housing:**
 - a) **Affordable Housing:** No further update.

- 13) Resources and Finance:**
 - a) **Financial Statement:** No changes
 - b) **BOWL Money - Your Cash Your Community:** This event went very well and was successful.
 - c) **Future Funding Streams:** The Halsary fund is the only fund that is known at the moment. Jenna expressed she is happy to proceed with being on the Halsary Windfarm panel.

- 14) Correspondence:**

- 15) Any Other Business:**

- 16) Date of next meeting:** 3rd April 2023 at 7.30pm

- 17)** Members of the public were thanked for their attendance before leaving. Members of the Community Council to part in a private discussion.

Public meeting closed at 8.45pm