

## Berriedale & Dunbeath Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in Dunbeath Community Centre 5 February 2024 at 7:30 pm

Welcome, Apologies & Conflict of Interest

Present: Angus MacInnes (Chairperson), Francis Allan (Vice-chairperson), Neil Buchanan, Trevor Filshie, Graham Martin-Royal.

Members of Public: Andrew Bailey, John Gunn, Lynn Parker, Michael Sutherland, John Simmons, Anne Macbeath

Apologies: Jenna Irvine, Donna Mathieson

Conflict of Interest: Neil Buchanan – Pylons

### Openng Remarks

A MacInnes welcomed all to the meeting. A Macbeath to take minutes of public part of meeting.

### Action Log

See separate log sheet.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 8 January 2024 were approved by N Buchanan and seconded by F Allan.

### Police

- Police report had been received which A MacInnes shared. Theft of charity boxes and removal of flags poles in the harbour area. Response teams in attendance at a recent pheasant shoot and two reports of some heating oil perhaps being stolen in the vicinity which may or not be a matter for public concern.
- A9 speed limit/no overtaking – no update
- Speed Display Sign
- Rural Security – no update due to shortage of police personnel.
- Snow Gate Closure – Gates closed at Dunbeath on Thursday 18 January managed by Police Scotland. Despite the gates being closed in early afternoon traffic was not intercepted at Wick, Thurso or Latheron to prevent build up traffic stranded. Thanks were expressed to those organisations and individuals who provided food, warmth and accommodation to travellers.

### Communities & Place

- Dunbeath Playpark – some grant funding has come through. Dunbeath Community Centre lease awaiting due process of finalisation.
- Dunbeath Strath – the chairman circulated ideas for signs regarding dog fouling but sign must also give instruction for use of leads. Further inquiries into costs required.

### Education & Learning

- Dunbeath Nursery Closure – In the absence of a Ward Manager, A Macinnes was unable to follow up the petition. Enrolment dates for next session have been published locally and a network of messaging trying to ensure information is spread to those involved.

## Health & Social Care

## Infrastructure, Environment & Economy

- Planning Applications – Erection of two log cabins for temporary accommodation at Schoolhouse, Borgue (Ref 24/00148/FUL) and a 10m communications mast for a twelve-month period opposite (Old) Police Station (Ref 24/00169/FUL.) No objections raised.
- Safety Barrier Portormin Road – Surveyors in attendance recently no further official information at present.
- Highland Council Road repair – No update.
- Harbour Wall Dunbeath – No update & no further input from Highland Council.
- Dunbeath Harbour Dolos & Gabion Baskets – No Update
- Knockinnon Windfarm – No further update
- Phone Mast Braemore – No further information.
- Pylons – Public Meeting to be held with politicians, at their request, in Dunbeath Community Centre at 6:30pm on 14 February 2024. This will give an opportunity to ask questions following the public meeting held with representatives from SSE on Monday 29 January.
- Dunbeath Bridge Noise Pollution – No further information at present
- Land Drains – Scottish Water has carried out repair work on a burst drain in the fields which had been causing flooding.
- Concrete Bus Shelter – now surplus to requirements.

## Performance & Governance

## Property & Housing

## Resources & Finance

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 4 March 7:30pm

A Macbeath  
5 Feb 2024

