



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Dunbeath Community Centre on 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm

1) **Welcome, Apologies & Conflict of Interest:**

- a) **Present:** Angus MacInnes (Chairperson), Francis Allan (Vice-Chairperson), Jenna Irvine (Secretary), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Neil Buchanan, Trevor Filshie, Graham Martin-Royle
- b) **Members of the public:** Lynn Parker, Michael Sutherland, A. Cummingham, John Gunn, Sue Steven, Grant Jack, Winifred Sutherland, Davina Taylor, Andrew Mike Bailey, Anne Macbeath
- c) **Apologies:** Stuart Cormack (Police Scotland)
- d) **Conflict of Interest:** Neil Buchanan – Pylons.

2) **Opening Remarks:** Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting. Angus informed everyone that we currently have no Ward Manager. Jenna has asked Helen Ross for details, still awaiting reply.

3) **Action Log:** See separate action log sheet.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved by Neil and seconded by Francis. Anne was thanked for recording and distributing last month's minutes.

5) **Police:**

- a) **Police Report:** A police report had been received officer Stuart Cormack. This was circulated and read out by Angus. One report of threatening behaviour, enquiries ongoing. Incident of parcel addressed to Latheron area suspected to contain cannabis, enquiries ongoing. Vehicle leaving road at Berriedale, suspected drug impairment, enquiries ongoing. One call of erratic driving, no vehicle registration given and no trace of vehicle. Broken down vehicle at Navidale, uplifted by recovery – no issues. Diesel on the road, dealt with by BEAR Scotland. Two information calls regarding planned shoots. Intruder alarm at Dunbeath Surgery, false activation.
*Jenna will send contacts at Police Scotland the Community Council email address.
- b) **A9 speed limit/no overtaking:** Jenna is awaiting a reply from Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland to date there has been no reply. Jenna to follow this up*
- c) **Speed display sign: As requested** by BEAR Scotland Neil has supplied them details of the speed device and asked for advice for location, north or south of junction. *
- d) **Rural Security:** No update.

6) **Communities & Place:**

- a) **Dunbeath Playpark:** No further update available, Dunbeath Community Centre are still in the process of waiting for a lease.
- b) **Dunbeath Strath:** Signage options for dog fouling and please keep dogs on leads have been explored. The number of signs that need to be ordered will be decided once it is confirmed if any are already in place. It was suggested to have similar signs on the Portormin Road footbridge as the beach walk is popular with dog walkers.
- c) **Coopers Path:** Neil has been communicating with Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust regarding working in partnership to maintain this path. GMR Henderson has suggested fixing a plastic covering. Neil has asked GMR Henderson for a quote for materials. The permission from Dunbeath Estate for Camel's Hump works will be looked at to see if it gives permission for Coopers Path.

* = Task added to action log

7) Education & Learning:

Dunbeath Nursery Closure: There was thought that there was one enrolment made for Dunbeath Nursery this year. Angus will contact the PTA for an update on the situation and have a discussion on how we can help. Due to no ward manager at the moment, there is no information on the petition that was submitted.

8) Health & Social Care:

9) Infrastructure, Environment & Economy:

a) Planning Applications:

Ref Number 24/00498/S42

Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to vary condition 1 of planning consent 21/00180/S42 to increase the operational period of the wind farm from 25 to 30 years from the date of final commissioning – No comments.

Ref Number 23/05980/FUL

Demolition of house and erection of house, Location of Works Mulbuie, Dunbeath, KW6 6EN – No Comments

- b) **Highland Council Road repair:** *No update from the Highland Council. Jenna will continue to follow this up.
- c) **Safety Barrier Portormin Road:** No update from Highland Council on when repairs will be. *Jenna to continue to ask Highland Council for an update.
- d) **Harbour Wall Dunbeath:** *No update - Jenna will continue to contact the Highland Council regarding this.
- e) **Harbour Dolos & Gabion Baskets:** *Jenna has contacted the highland Council regarding the damage by recent storms. No reply from Highland Council.
- f) **Knockinnon Windfarm:** It was suggested that the BDCC submit an interest in community benefit. It is thought that the Highland Council has submitted an interest. Further discussion to be had.
- g) **Phone masts Braemore/Berriedale:** *No update available, Jenna to email Anson at Welbeck Estate.
- h) **Pylons:** A meeting was held on 14th February which Jamie Stone and Maree Todd were present. Lynn stated that Nature Scotland are looking at peat areas and if the Pylon path intrudes on these. It was stated that the Pylon Group have evidence that the new Pylons are not needed in our area.
- i) **Dunbeath Bridge – noise pollution:** Workmen were seen carrying out works with a microphone last week. No updates available yet.
- j) **Land Drains:** BEAR Scotland have been notified regarding the flooding between Knockinnon to Latheronwheel dip. They will investigate this and also informed that they have looked at flooding on the A9 near Langwell junction. Highland Council have been contacted regarding flooding around village shop road – no response.
- k) **Dunbeath concrete bus shelter:** This has been reported to the Highland Council – no response.

10) Performance & Governance:

- a) **Requirements for sub-committees:** Information has been requested and awaiting a reply from Highland Council with details of a new ward manager. The Pylon Group stated if they are over the number of members in their subgroup this will have an impact ICO. *Jenna will continue to seek advice.
- b) **Website:** Neil informed everyone that the agenda and draft minutes are available on the Community Council website.

- c) **Email addresses:** A new email address has been made for the Community Council due to access problems with the previous address. It was suggested that Neil sets up an automatic reply on the old address with information of the new address.

11) Property & Housing:

12) Resources and Finance:

- a) **Financial Statement:** Donna circulated the financial statement. No outgoings. Income, £22.50 interest.
- b) **Future Funding Streams:** No update.

- c) **Correspondence:** None

13) Any Other Business:

- a) It was suggested that the Community Council join Flood Action Group on Facebook. *
- b) It was stated that the buses are not seeing individuals at the bus stops at night, resulting in the buses not stopping. Enquire to BEAR Scotland regarding lighting for bus stops. *

14) Date of next meeting: Monday 1st April 2024 at 7.30pm in Berriedale Portland Hall.

Public meeting closed at 9.15pm.

ACTION LOG

Action	By Whom	Date Added/Updated	Update from meeting
Decide how many dog signs are needed for Strath and Portormin Road footbridge	All	04/03/24	
Contact BEAR Scotland/Transport Scotland re suggested extra chevrons	Jenna	04/03/24	Ongoing
Continue to contact Highland Council re small harbour wall repairs, dolos & gabion baskets	Jenna	04/03/2024	Ongoing
Maintenance of overgrowth on Dunbeath Strath – Angus to contact CPS Apr & Aug 2024.	Angus	06/11/2023	On hold to Spring 2024
Contact Highland Council re road repairs, barrier repair, sign for Braemore Road and concrete bus shelter	Jenna	04/03/2024	Ongoing
Ask BEAR Scotland for advice re location of speed device	Neil	04/03/2024	
Jenna to send contact at Police Scotland BDCC email new address	Jenna	04/03/2024	
Contact ward manager re Dunbeath Primary & Nursery petition	Angus	08/01/2024	Awaiting contact details of new ward manager
Continue to contact Highland Council re flooding – village road	Jenna	04/03/2024	Ongoing
Contact Rachel Youngson re debris along A9 footpath	Jenna	08/01/2024	Ongoing
Neil to obtain quote from GMR Henderson for Coopers Path	Neil	04/03/2024	
Email Anson (Welbeck Estate) for update re phone masts	Jenna	04/03/2024	
Obtain advice from HC re sub-committee requirements.	Jenna	04/03/2024	
Join Flood Action Group on Facebook	Jenna	04/03/2024	
Set auto reply on old email to advise of new email	Neil	04/03/2024	
Contact BEAR Scotland re bus stop lighting	Jenna	04/03/2024	

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