

MINUTES for 1st July 2024 at 7.30P.M. at Dunbeath Community Centre

ITEM

1 WELCOME

a. Attendance:

Community Council – Angus MacInnes (Chair), Francis Allan (Vice Chair), Donna Matheson (Treasurer), Neil Buchanan.

Members of the Community – John Gunn, Anne Macbeth, Andrew Bailey, Winifred Sutherland (Pylon Group), Lynn Parker (Pylon Group), Michael Sutherland, Sue Steven.

b. Apologies

Community Council: Jenna Irvine

c. NON-attendance

Community Council: Graham Martin-Royal

d. Conflicts of Interest

Community Council: Neil Buchanan – pylons

2 OPENING REMARKS

AMcl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved by FA & seconded by NB

4 POLICE

a. Police Report – noted.

b. A9 speeding/No overtaking – completed and to be removed from agenda.

c. Speed display sign – NB provided an update, particularly the unsatisfactory email from Transport Scotland. As such the matter will continue being progressed by NB.

5 COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. Dunbeath Playpark - 50% invoice has now been paid in full. Kompan have advised they are looking at August for installation. Highland Council has agreed to remove existing equipment.

b. Dunbeath Strath – Dog signage purchasing being progressed and an update will be provided once complete.

c. Cooper's path – JI had spoken with Charlotte from Savills who are managing the Estate. Charlotte would like to meet with BDCC. Two dates were proposed, Mon 8th July at 11am or Monday 15th July at 1.30pm. Unfortunately neither of these dates were suitable and as such further contact will be made for a date in late August / early September.

d. Phone Box & interpretive panels at Dunbeath Harbour – AMcl discussed this with Dunbeath Preservation Trust. This matter will be progressed, however it is acknowledged that due to the age and condition of the phone box it may be that the phone box will, once removed, not be able to be fixed in another location.

6 EDUCATION & LEARNING

Nothing

7 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Defibrulators now fitted at:

- The Bay Owl, Bunbeath
- Medical Surgery, Dunbeath
- Berriedale (NFD)

8 INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. Planning Applications – nothing of particular relevance in the B&DCC area.
- b. Road Department –
 - Portormin Road Barrier – Work has begun, not been any work taking place over the last few weeks, JI emailed and asked for an update.
 - Portormin Road Footpath – Opposite the footbridge, work was undertaken 3-4 years ago. A small part of the footpath was dug up and never resurfaced. JI highlighted this to HC twice and have emailed a 3rd time to ask for this to be repaired.
 - Braemore Road – JI asked for an update on this prior to realising works had taken place.
 - Kerbing on Old Brae – JI emailed HC about this and also reported via their website.
 - Land Drains – JI asked HC when they will be looking into this.
- c. Harbour Department - Dolos, Gabion Baskets - JI followed this up again and asked if a quote was received from GMR Henderson and when works would begin. JI highlighted that the slip on the other side of the river is no longer usable due to being covered.
- d. Knockinnon Windfarm – no significant new information.
- e. Phone mast Braemore – one mast in place, one application withdrawn. Item to be removed from agenda.
- f. Pylons – LP provided a hard copy written update which is attached a PDF to these minutes.
- g. Newport Bus shelter, Dunbeath A9 bus shelters lighting, seating & glass – These issues are the responsibility of Highland Council. Further work / update is awaited from them.
- h. Dunbeath sign south of bridge A9 – Work ongoing in relation to this sign as well as other signs on the A9.

9 PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. Email addresses – new email address is working and emails are being received from the old address. Work continues to ensure that all external agencies have the new email address: berriedaledunbeath.cc@outlook.com
- b. Two vacancies for co-option – Andrew “Mike” Bailey and Michael “Mick” Sutherland were co-opted to B&DCC. Further enquiry will be made with Highland Council regarding the future composition of the B&DCC.

10 PROPERTY & HOUSING

Discussion regarding the potential for estate owned houses in the B&DCC to be owned / managed by a Community Housing Association. Any work in the area will take considerable time and effort.

11 RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. Financial Statement – BDCC, Pylon Group, Xmas Lights – pdf copies of the financial updates which were provided are attached.
- b. Future funding streams – ongoing discussion, including the potential for SSEN Community Benefit.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting with Dunbeath Estate - Two dates were proposed, Mon 8th July at 11am or Monday 15th July at 1.30pm. Unfortunately neither of these dates were suitable and as such further contact will be made for a date in late August / early September.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Local Living in Highland consultation to the public. Discussed at the meeting and to be added to the B&DCC Facebook page.
- b. Local Police Plans - discussed, to be added to the B&DCC Facebook page and then developed over the summer.

14 ACTION LOG

Update to be provided once the most recent version of the Action Log is obtained.

15 Date of next meeting

Monday 5th August 2024 at 7.30P.M. at Dunbeath Community Centre.