



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for 5th August 2024 at 7.30pm at Dunbeath Community Centre

1. WELCOME

a. Attendance:

Community Council: Francis Allan (Vice Chair), Jenna Irvine (Secretary), Donna Mathieson (Treasurer), Michael Sutherland, Neil Buchanan, Mike Andrew Bailey

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Lynn Parker, Anne Macbeath, Sue Steven

b. Apologies:

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair)

Police Scotland: Stuart Cormack

c. Non-Attendance

Community Council: Graham Martin Royal

d. Conflicts of Interest

Community Council: Neil Buchanan - Pylons

2. OPENING REMARKS

FA welcomed everyone to the meeting this evening and introduced Micheal and Mike as our newly co-opted members.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Neil and seconded by Mike

4. POLICE

a. **Police Report**: This was read to all present. No comments.

b. **Speed Display Sign**: Neil stated there has been no further updates.

5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. **Dunbeath Playpark**: Contractors are on site and works begun.

b. **Dunbeath Strath – Dog Signage**: Some areas of the Strath has not been cut – this is thought to be the areas that community payback maintain. This will be looked into.

c. **Cooper's Path**: Awaiting meeting with Savills. It is thought there has been gates installed at the bottom of this path.

d. **Phone Box & Interpretive panels – Dunbeath Harbour**: This work is ongoing.

e. **Defibrillator – Dunbeath Surgery**: This defibrillator is the responsibility of BDCC. The pads and battery need replaced. Dunbeath Surgery has previously maintained this and invoiced BDCC for new parts. Jenna to contact Dunbeath Surgery.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications:** No applications received for BDCC area.
- b. **Road Department:**
 - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** Work begun many weeks ago. No progress recently. Jenna to continue to seek reply from Highland Council. It was thought another contractor would be needed to install barrier.
 - **Portormin Road Footpath:** It is believed this works has been completed – remove from agenda if complete.
 - **Braemore Road:** Unsure if works has been complete or the full condition of the road.
 - **Kerbing Old Brae:** Jenna to continue to seek reply from Highland Council.
 - **Land Drains -** Jenna to continue to seek reply from Highland Council.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
 - **Dolos & Gabion Baskets:** Jenna to continue to seek reply from Highland Council.
- d. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** No update available
- e. **Newport Bus Shelter, Bus Shelter Lighting, Seating & Glass:** No response from Highland Council. Jenna to continue contacting them.
- f. **Dunbeath Sign south side A9 bridge:** No response from BEAR Scotland, Jenna to contact again.

9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Empty tenancy:** It is thought that there is an empty tenancy in Portormin Road. It was stated that housing is aware of this and have issued a notice.

11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement:**
 - **BDCC:** Circulated, no recent activity
 - **Xmas Lights Committee:** No update provided
- b. **Future Funding Streams:** It was stated that SSE have a new funding stream of up to £15,000 for communities.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Meeting with Dunbeath Estate:** It was suggested a meeting to be held late August/early September. Jenna to email Savills.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Neil suggested that BDCC suggest each Pylon has the same community benefit terms as each windfarm. That the community benefit award is based on the number of pylons located in the BDCC area. BDCC will contact Martin Goodwin (SSE).
- b. Lynn stated she is in contact with Martin Goodwin regarding the existing line to be removed or go underground.

14. ACTION LOG

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm