



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Dunbeath Community Centre

#### 1. WELCOME

**a. Attendance:**

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

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Anne Macbeath, Winifred Sutherland, Sue Steven, A. Ellerington,

**b. Apologies:**

Community Council: None

**c. Non-Attendance**

Community Council: None

**d. Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan - Pylons

#### 2. OPENING REMARKS

AMaCl thanked all for their attendance this evening. He stated he had emailed GMR to invite him to this evening's meeting. There was no response, and his vacant seat will be advertised in the new year.

There had been correspondence regarding scoping for the Pylons, this was sent to the old BDCC address. AMaCl has contacted the Scottish Government, this has been resent to the correct address and circulated, with an extension to the deadline for any comments.

Brora CC had attempted to contact BDCC, AMaCl has emailed them with correct address.

AMaCl has contacted Liam C and Phil T (HC) regarding the incorrect contact information on the HC website, he was informed this would be corrected.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by NB

#### 4. POLICE

**a. Police Report:** No report received from Police Scotland. AMaCl will make contact with new chief inspector at AOCC meeting.

Comments from members of the public, that dangerous overtaking is still taking place on the A9 northside of bridge, where new chevrons have been marked on the road.

**b. Speed Display Sign:** NB has emailed Transport Scotland for permission to install – awaiting a reply.

#### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

**a. Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure:** Informed that this is still ongoing due to uncertainty of who owns the bridge. HC have offered to temporarily repair the bridge, landowners have declined this offer due to it being a temporary fix and ownership needs to be discovered – AMaCl and JI will communicate with Dunbeath Estate regarding this.

**b. Dog Signage** – This has been ordered – JI to give DM invoice.

- c. **Cooper's Path:** AMaCl and JI attended a meeting with Charlotte (Savills) Dunbeath Estate. This was highlighted at the meeting. Further discussions to be had after Charlotte speaks with Matt Dent, HC.
- d. **Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour:** AMaCl has spoken with DPT and they will move the phone box
- e. **Interpretive panels - Dunbeath Harbour:** DPT have provided an invoice for this project. This was given to DM for payment to be issued.
- f. **Dunbeath Playing Fields – grass cutting:** Remove until Spring 2025
- g. **Benches, Mill Carpark – AMacB** stated that the DPT may have two benches that can be installed here. She will confirm.
- h. **Village Maintenance:** It has been confirmed that the payment from HC will be £700, NB has completed an invoice to show estimate costs of grass maintenance that is kindly done by members of the public, this invoice doesn't include travel costs, fuel and maintenance to machinery. It was agreed for a funding application to be completed for LLCDC fund, closes end January 2025.
- i. **Berriedale and Dunbeath Locality Plan:** This has been produced by HC for Berriedale, Dunbeath, Latheron & Lybster. The indications for improvements were Employment, transport, broadband, childcare, lack of affordable housing.

## 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

### 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- a. **Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery:** Jenna to finish funding application and submit.

### 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications:** No applications for Berriedale & Dunbeath. JG highlighted that there were very good objections submitted for the phone mast application.
- b. **Road Department:**
  - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council. No update from RB.
  - **Braemore Road:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council. No update from RB.
  - **Neil Gunn Road & Old Brae (bottom):** It was stated that repairs have been made on these two roads.
  - **Kerbing Old Brae:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council. No update from RB.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
  - **Dolos:** No further update received from HC or RB.
- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** RB will ask about seating in War Memorial bus shelter in Dunbeath and lighting in the northbound bus shelter on A9 at Laburnum, Dunbeath – no update received.
- e. **Dunbeath Sign south side A9 bridge & footpath:** AMacB announced she went to take photos of this for RB, however sign is no longer there. Some assumed BEAR Scotland has taken this away for repairs.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** No update available
- g. **Scot Gov/SSEN Scoping:** Due to information being sent to an incorrect email address, AMaCl has spoken to Scottish Government and we have been given an extension to 9<sup>th</sup> December to submit any comments. BDCC will share this information on social media and locally in Post Office and Shop to ask for any comments from the community to be submitted to BDCC by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### 9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** The lights were put up by volunteers at the weekend. Thanks was given to all of those involved.

## **10. PROPERTY & HOUSING**

## **11. RESOURCES & FINANCE**

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:** Caithness Community Fund and LLCDC Halsary fund are both open at present.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. There is a proposal from Scottish Government to reduce the national speed limit from 60mph to 50mph on single carriageways. There is currently an online survey for submitting feedback – BDCC to share this on social media.
- b. It was stated that a motion to break up the Highland Council into areas has been accepted to be put forward at the next HC special meeting.

**14. ACTION LOG:** This was updated.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

## ACTION LOG

Action	By Whom	Date Added	Update from meeting
Contact Highland Council re road repairs, barrier repair and sign for Braemore Road, Old Brae Kerbing	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	Ongoing
Contact Highland Council harbour department re Dunbeath Harbour dolos	Jenna / RB	04/11/2024	Ongoing
Reply from Transport Scotland Scotland regarding site for speed sign	Neil	04/11/2024	Ongoing
Phone box to be moved	Angus/DPT	05/08/2024	Ongoing
Bus Shelters seating & Lighting	Jenna / RB	02/09/2024	Ongoing
Maintenance of overgrowth on Dunbeath Strath – Angus to contact CPS Apr & Aug 2025.	Angus	02/09/2024	
Dunbeath Surgery – Defibrillator – discretionary budget form to be completed & submitted	Jenna	04/11/2024	Ongoing
Grass cutting Dunbeath Playing Fields – Contact spring 25	Angus	02/12/2024	Ongoing
Mill carpark benches – DPT	AMacb	02/12/2024	
Email planning regarding time restraints	Jenna	04/11/2024	
Decision on CLC being with BDCC – Jan 2025 discussion	All	04/11/2024	
Advertise vacant post in New Year	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Share Seashore Hub ask for more info	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Meeting with Dunbeath Estate in New Year – discuss bridge	Angus & Jenna	02/12/2024	
Dog signage invoice – Jenna to give to Donna	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Funding application to be submitted for village maintenance		02/12/2024	
Advertise on social media and in post office and shop re scoping report and comments	Jenna	02/12/2024	
Share National Speed Limit feedback survey on social media	Jenna	02/12/2024	

