



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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

Members of the Community: John Gunn, Anne Macbeath,

**b. Apologies:**

Community Council: None

**c. Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan - Pylons

#### 2. OPENING REMARKS

AMaCl thanked all for their attendance this evening and wished everyone a happy new year. AMaCl stated that there was only one response from the public, from the Scottish Government/SSEN scoping report. An email has been received informing that SSEN is entering the next stage of consultation, more information to be given once we have received this.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by FA

#### 4. POLICE

**a. Police Report:** No report received from Police Scotland.

**b. Speed Display Sign:** NB has not received a reply from Transport Scotland.

#### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

**a. Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure:** It was stated that the landowners had installed signage on the bridge, these had been removed by an unknown source. AMaCl and JI to organise a meeting with Dunbeath Estate, Matt Dent and landowners.

**b. Dog Signage** – The signs have been received. JI gave these to MB as he will fix these to ply wood and install. JI gave invoice to DM and was paid for the full amount.

**c. Cooper's Path:** AMaCl and JI to discuss this with Dunbeath Estate.

**d. Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour:** Ongoing with DPT.

**e. Benches, Mill Carpark** – AMacB confirmed DPT has surplus picnic benches and will locate these at the mill carpark.

**f. Village Maintenance:** No payment has been received yet. JI to apply for funding for £3000 to cover additional village maintenance costs.

#### 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

#### 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**a. Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery:** DM stated that she had been informed by the surgery, that they are going to remove the defibrillator if equipment is not meeting the correct standards. It was agreed for BDCC to order the new pads and battery and apply for funding. DM and JI to liaise regarding ordering and paying for these items.

## 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

- a. **Planning Applications:** There was one application for our area. **Ref Number 24/05029/FUL;** erection of a garage. No comments or objections.
- b. **Road Department:**
  - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council or RB. Others roads highlighted were the village, Knockglass Road, Neil Gunn Road and by the Post Office.
  - **Braemore Road:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council or RB.
  - **Kerbing Old Brae:** It was stated that this has been repaired.
- 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:** It was stated that this in hand and this will be removed from the agenda.
- f. **A9 overtaking – Dunbeath:** AMacl will ask Police Scotland for advice at next AOCC meeting.
- g. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** No update available

## 9. PREFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** AMacl will ask Sylvia Stewart for accounts. MB will apply for additional funding.

## 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

- a. **DBDT:** A letter was received from Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust. They have asked for a letter of support from BDCC for their community Asset Transfer of the playing fields next to Dunbeath Primary School. All agreed for this to be sent.
- b. **Hall hire:** DM has received an invoice from Dunbeath and Berriedale Hall.

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Laidhay:** The trustee's from the trust have stepped down. Two local organisations were approached to take on this – both declined. CVG are temporarily managing this at the moment, they will be put out a notice looking for people to come forward to form a new organisation. BDCC will share CVG notices.
- b. **Jim Gunn:** A special thanks for Jim Gunn, who recently passed away. He was an outstanding member of the community, involved in many community projects and organisations. He was thanked for his dedication and contribution over the years.

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

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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	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 – BDCC to order	Jenna/Donna	13/01/2025	Ongoing
Grass cutting Dunbeath Playing Fields – Contact spring 25	Angus	02/12/2024	Ongoing
Mill carpark benches – DPT	DPT	02/12/2024	Complete
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	
Funding application to be submitted for village maintenance	Jenna	02/12/2024	Ongoing