



Berriedale & Dunbeath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 3rd February 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, Mike Andrew Bailey, Andrew Jarvie (Cllr.), Raymond Bremner (Cllr.)

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

b. **Apologies:**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan

c. **Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Angus MacInnes – Halsary funding applications

2. OPENING REMARKS

AMacI thanked all for their attendance. He expressed his conflict of interest of the funding applications BDCC have submitted to Caithness Community Fund due to his position within CVG. He informed everyone that SSEN have produced new plans to show the pylons situated further out the village. There is meant to be more consultation on March 5th, this has been shared on BDCC social media.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by FA

4. POLICE

a. **Police Report:** No report received from Police Scotland. AMacI read out a summary from AOCC regarding Police Scotland and will reach out to them.

b. **Speed Display Sign:** NB not present to provide update.

5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

a. **Dunbeath Strath Bridge temp. closure:** JI still to arrange meeting to discuss this going forward.

b. **Dog Signage** – MB has installed most of the signs and rest will be in place soon.

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

d. **Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour:** The member from DPT that is liaising with BDCC is currently away. Still ongoing.

e. **Village Maintenance:** No payment has been received yet, AMacI will follow this up with AOCC. JI confirmed an application for funding has been submitted to Caithness Community Fund.

6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

a. **Defibrillator at Dunbeath Surgery:** JI confirmed this is now complete and an application for funding has been submitted.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

a. **Planning Applications:** No applications

b. **Road Department:**

- **Portormin Rd Barrier:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council. RB suspects this will be looked at later in the year.
 - **Various Roads:** JI has had no further correspondence from Highland Council. RB stated the capital works list was approved last week and he will send us details of the roads in out area.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
- **Dolos:** No further update received from HC. RB stated there may be more information available early March due to new budgets.
- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** RB stated there may be more information available early March due to new budgets.
- e. **A9 overtaking – Dunbeath:** Stated that the dangerous over taking is still taking place daily. JI to contact Transport Scotland to highlight this.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** No update available

9. PREFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** It was discussed if BDCC take on the running of the Xmas Lights Committee. It was agreed we would temporarily do this until another committee is formed.

10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Vacant Houses:** It was stated that there is two houses where the tenants have not been living in the properties for several months. This will be passed on to HC Housing dept.

11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

- a. **Financial Statement: BDCC:** This was circulated.
- b. **Future Funding Streams:**

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **HC Levy Scheme** – details about Levy Scheme – emailed to all members
- b. **HC Local Development Plan** – emailed to all members
- c. **Spittal – Loch Buidhe – Beauly** – consultation details – circulated to all member and details published on social media
- d. **AOCC meeting summary** – circulated to all members and read out at meeting
- e. **Caithness Transport Forum** – looking for representative from ward 2 and 3

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Laidhay:** No local organisation has been formed.
- b. **Scheme of Community Council:** A consultation should be forthcoming.
- c. **Vehicles:** It was stated that there are multiple vehicles that are untaxed and uninsured situated around the village. JI will send information to HC environmental health and DVLA.

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

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm in Dunbeath Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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