



# Berriedale & Dunbeath

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 in Dunbeath Community Centre

#### 1. WELCOME

a. **Attendance:**

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

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

b. **Apologies:**

Community Council: Angus MacInnes (Chair)

c. **Conflicts of Interest**

Community Council: Neil Buchanan, Pylons

#### 2. OPENING REMARKS

FA welcomed all to the meeting, and noted apologies from AMaCl.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by MB and seconded by DM.

#### 4. POLICE

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

b. **Speed Display Sign:** NB has had no further correspondence from Transport Scotland. NB spoke with Raymond Bremner who will follow this up.

#### 5. COMMUNITIES & PLACE

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

b. **Cooper's Path:** As above.

c. **Phone Box – Dunbeath Harbour:** AMacB stated DPT is in progress of getting this moved.

d. **Village Maintenance:** No cheque received yet from AOCC.

#### 6. EDUCATION & LEARNING

a. **Dunbeath Nursery:** JI stated there is current fundraising by parents for outdoor equipment. As we previously supported the Primary School with funding from the youth group monies, she suggested we make a contribution towards the nursery. All agreed to proceed with this with a £200 donation.

#### 7. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

a. **Defibrillator at Berriedale:** It was stated that progress is being made with getting a new defibrillator installed, this is being led by Berriedale Portland Hall Committee.

#### 8. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

a. **Planning Applications:** Two applications

**24/04428/FUL** – Change of use of dwelling to agricultural store – No comments

**25/00107/FUL** – Two wind turbines with tip height upto 149.9m, including battery storage – many objective comments discussed, such as the height, landscape views, changes from previous application, no community consultation. A vote of community council members resulted in the majority voting for objection. JI to write a statement and submit to planning.

- b. **Road Department:**
  - **Portormin Rd Barrier:** No update from HC or RB.
  - **Various Roads:** No update from HC or RB.
- c. **Harbour Department:**
  - **Dolos:** JI to follow up with HC.
- d. **Bus Shelter Lighting & Seating:** AJ advised the bus shelters would likely be new units as seating is integrated, unsure if lighting will be provided due to power supply.
- e. **A9 overtaking – Dunbeath:** NB stated that when speaking with RB re speed sign, it was mentioned that speed checks may be carried out in this area.
- f. **Knockinnon Windfarm:** See planning applications
- g. **Pylons:** Community consultation in Dunbeath Community Centre on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## 9. PERFORMANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a. **Dunbeath Christmas Lights:** It was discussed if BDCC take on the running of the Xmas Lights Committee, JI to put out notice stating that if no committee is formed, there will be no Xmas lights put up this year. FA is to get accounts from previous Xmas Lights treasurer.
- b. **New member:** JI to advertise vacant co-option opportunity.

## 10. PROPERTY & HOUSING

- a. **Vacant Houses:** It was stated that a house on Portormin Road has been emptied due to being unoccupied.

## 11. RESOURCES & FINANCE

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

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Playpark fence:** It was stated that 3 wooden fence post have snapped along the perimeter of the park, this has been passed on to Dunbeath Community Centre.
- b. **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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm in Berriedale Portland Hall.

**Meeting closed at 8.35pm**

## 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