

Brora Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in Brora Community Centre on Tuesday 17th March
2014

1. Present	Kathleen Cunningham,(Chair);Lee Bright; Karen McKay; Margaret Mackintosh; Catherine Sutherland; Lorraine Davidson; Russell Rekhy 1 member of the public (Bill Honeyman) Jennifer Wilson (Taking Minutes)
2. Apologies	George McBeath; Councillor D. McKay
3.Chair's Welcome and News	<p>George McBeath and Kathleen Cunningham were privileged to be Fancy Dress judges at the "Frozen" themed Family Day. Congratulations to the Brora Events Group for hosting yet another successful community event.</p> <p>Brighter Brora Litter Week 20th – 26th April. Skips in the centre village and at Golf club. Free gloves, tabards etc. at Cunningham's shop.</p> <p>The policy of public-closure of roads to be clarified by Police Scotland, who were not able to send a representative to this meeting.</p> <p>Kathleen Cunningham questioned the timing of local Police clinics. Sec will seek clarification.</p> <p>The Chair reported that supportive volunteer door-to-door Poppy collections in Brora continues to be successful. Poppy cans going into larger multiple stores before designated date could impact on amounts raised locally.</p> <p>Danny Streames, from Poppy Scotland, was introduced to the meeting. He gave the meeting a brief account of his background in the R.A.F. and his appointment to the new role of Community Fund-raiser based in the newly opened Poppy Scotland Centre in Inverness, covering the Highlands and Islands. His job is to educate communities about the services offered by Poppy Scotland. He then went on to explain the work in which the team of 4 at the new Centre is engaged – helping ex-service men and women in Scotland who are in financial, or social difficulties etc. The Inverness team work closely with Royal British Legion, S.S.A.F.A. , Combat Stress, and S.A.M H, as well as Social, Health, and Police Services. All the money raised in Scotland stays in Scotland. He took questions from the committee members, who expressed interest in the work of Poppy Scotland. Kathleen Cunningham then thanked Mr. Streames for addressing the committee so eloquently, and with so much information, which was much appreciated.</p>
4.Correspondence.	CASPlan has included Brora Station and Upper Fascally in the revised draft development plan. Brora Harbour and the former Radio Station areas remain excluded. A response is invited.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Janitorial Provision</u> – FBS User-groups, BCC & officials attended a meeting to express concerns at handling of this matter. Highland Council has apologised & a review is in place. Letter of concern sent from BCC. • <u>Gordonbush Windfarm</u> proposed extension – no report • BCC submitted objection response to the Scottish government & H.C. Planning re West Garty Winfarm proposal. Held on record. • <u>Public consultation on Service Point provision</u> – BCC ‘s response is approved for submission. Held on record. • <u>North Highland Line Seminar</u> circulated. • <u>Sutherland Public Transport Consultation 24th March</u> in Golspie Highland Council will cut £2 ½ million from transport. Consultation forms to be circulated (School and Users). BCC members should encourage the public to attend the Golspie meeting. • <u>Highland Licensing Board Consultation.</u> Responses by 17th April 2015 re introduction of supplementary policy statements concerning the application for licences for special events, such as Halloween. • <u>Data Protection.</u> Renewed by Direct debit. • <u>Legacy Funding from SSE.</u> 1st Phase update received from Fiona Morrison, SSE. There is interest from several local groups. Closing date for 1st stage is 3rd April. Tuesday 21st April, Community Centre at 7pm is agreed date for all applications from the 1st stage, to be considered by BCC & SSE for 2nd stage. • <u>Coastal Erosion Report.</u> Brora Community Council approved BADAG as potential funding applicant regard a proposed mapping coastal erosion aerial survey. This is liaison & and following joint approval by GCC. • <u>Community Emergency Plan</u> Suggestions from volunteers involved in providing emergency help during the recent storm have been collated. SSE have set in place a Resilience Fund, not available to this area until April Grants from £500 to £20,000 will be available. BCC to liaise with Community Centre Association, Councillor Mckay & SSE. • <u>2 Applications for Micro-grants</u> had been received – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1:- The Fete Group - rental of portaloos £250 was agreed 2:- Brora Aqua-aerobics Class -£70 was agreed.
6. Highland Council Report	Counsellor McKay was not present Braes Hotel – Requested structural survey report has not been provided by owner. Highland Council Building Standards will

	<p>now request permission to carry out a H.C. structural survey. Brora Community council and BADAG have both submitted letters of concern on behalf of the community. Safety fencing will remain in situ.</p> <p>Service Points – No local responses for a Brora Focus Group. Telephone consultations will, however, take place to gather information from representative Service Point users. Paper consultations and on-line responses have been received.</p> <p>Beachview Respite Provision – the decision to suspend services at Beachview Respite Unit is due to a Police Investigation, and all staff have been redeployed</p>
7. Approval of January Minutes	This was proposed by Margaret McIntosh and seconded by Karen McKay.
8. Matters Arising	All Matters Arising included on Agenda.
9 Financial Report	The Current financial report was circulated to the Meeting, including ring-fenced monies and micro-grants. £2878 held in current accounts. V.G.E.S will be paid in April. The Books close at the end of March and will be passed to Mr. Gordon McBeath for independent scrutiny.
10. Public Discussion	Glass residue beside Recycling Units & at Waverly steps, damaged beach life belt and Stafford Terrace invasive foliage all reported to Community Services. HC discussion on Gaelic text for new Johnstone Place signage ongoing.
11. Date for AGM.	The date for the AGM will be May 19 th 2015 and this will be followed by a General Meeting in October. All councillors stand down, and all continue till October.
12. Agenda items for next meeting	Janitorial charges have now been imposed on previous informal arrangement for usage of school changing rooms by users of the astro-turf.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Addendum: *This is an election year for Community Councils. This means that **all** Community Councillors will be required to step down. Individuals are, of course, welcome to stand again for the Community Council. The election process will begin in mid-September when there will be a call for nominations. Nominations will close around 2 weeks later with election day taking place in mid-November. Existing community councils will be dissolved at 23.59hrs the day before the election.*