

	likely to be Feb/March 2017. A scoping report for Navidale gone in. Crakaig scoped in 2007 Meeting with Fiona Morrison on 26/10 t.b.a.
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Meeting closed at 9.10

Date of next BCC meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Legacy Fund	October
6.Minutes of Previous meeting on 19.07.16	Approved – Adopted as true record - proposed by Dave Andrews, seconded by Lee Bright.
7. Matters Arising	<p>Gordonbush Windfarm – nothing to report</p> <p>Scotia House – Resident of Dudgeon Drive in touch with site owner about grass cutting.</p> <p>Hedge on S. Brae – now tidied but still causing danger – BEAR is responsible.</p> <p>Graffiti on bridge – BEAR cannot find a safe way to remove it.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday – FOBWM taking over hospitality – to use Church Hall. BCC Secretary arranges Parade, but not Service at Memorial or Church.</p> <p>Poppy Collection – co-ordinated by K. Cunningham, and money counted by R. Sim. Collectors continue willing.</p> <p>Item 4 Beachview- Should read “is included”.</p>
8. Gordonbush Panel Report by R. Rekhy	<p>2 New members – 1 each -Brora and Helmsdale.</p> <p>3 groups in favour of endowment – 1 against.</p> <p>11 applications and 1 strategic – with 3 more next time. Careful scrutiny is applied when evaluating applications</p> <p>5 apprentices still in post from Phase 1. 3 more taking places</p> <p>Phase 2 – 6 or 7 businesses taking it up.</p> <p>Panel now to run Open Day for youngsters and employers to meet..</p> <p>Representatives of the 4 communities keeping scheme going with 18 apprentices by the end of the year. 5 in place performing well.</p> <p>Employers get £5000 to offset costs.</p>

9.Correspondence	<p>1 Application for sports strips for School football team. - approved with possibility of adding small Windfarm Advert.</p> <p>2. Application from Dance School – approved.</p> <p>3. Kibraur - letter explaining new procedure for dealing with training grants.</p>
10 Financial Report	Distributed to members
11. Community Award	Discussion – several individuals were considered, who have made contribution to Brora community.
12. Public Discussion	West Garty Windfarm proposal – no date for Public Enquiry. BCC registered its interest, so invited to the preliminary meeting. Enquiry

- **Bus timetable holders** – Cllr Mackay to check on progress.
  - **Redesign of Council** as a result of successive budget cuts. Impact on service, cuts and redundancies.
  - Review of statutory and voluntary services current.
  - Localisation policy – District Partnerships already exist. Sutherland District Partnership successful, and now led by Police Scotland. (Inspector McLelland). A presentation on Sutherland's D.P. to be given to whole Council. Time and financial constraints .
  - County committee has met twice dealing with local issues.
  - **Funding of school management** – Post of Head teacher – possibility of business manager model , looking after buildings and finance. Also, associated school groups – e.g. Golspie and feeder primaries – applicable to all east coast schools. Difficulty in recruitment of senior staff.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> phase of consultation – Heads to meet officers, 2<sup>nd</sup> - opening to Parent Councils, 3<sup>rd</sup> - opening to public.
  - Strong feeling in H.C. about Primary education so looking at management structures for Dornoch – a 3 – 18 campus 1 head for Dornoch and Bonar Bridge schools.
  - Not being treated as “ 1 size fits all” Not rushing and no closing date for consultations.
  - Difficulty is recruitment and retention of good quality heads.
- Senior Safe Highland** – Report now available - nuisance calls main issue. Funding to buy devices which detect source of nuisance calls is available for vulnerable people. Highlands missed out but Trading Standards are keen to have it.
- Transport issue also raised.
  - **Named Person Scheme** – running in H.R. For 11 years – welcomed; issue of Data Protection, and lack of scrutiny of Holyrood legislation caused halt .
  - **Helpcall** issue not exclusive to Brora.
  - **Public Entertainment Licences** - BCC run New Year Fireworks display and need licence – costing £246 per year, pertaining to particular location and not transferable.
  - Sutherland Equalities Group set up to feed particular issue of applying national guidelines to rural , low-population areas.
  - Complaints about upkeep of private property – Cllr Mackay clarified Council can act in extreme cases. Housing officers can investigate.
  - H.C. To do away with dog excrement bag service..

5. Gordonbush

A possible date for Fiona Morrison to up-date on Fund is 26<sup>th</sup>

# Brora Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September in Brora Community Centre at 7pm

Present	Margaret Mackintosh (Chair); Russell Rekhy (Vice-chair); Lee Bright (Sec); Kathleen Cunningham (Treasurer); George MacBeath; Dave Andrews; Sandy Crawford; Cllr Deirdre Mackay. 2 members of the public and Brora Cubs with Leader Nicola Morris.
1. Welcome	Chair welcomed all present. Brora Cubs showed photos of group at Centenary Birthday Bash, wearing tee-shirts funded by micro-grant. Various activities. BCC pleased that group thrives. New members joining, and members going up to Scouts. Another Leader has signed up; more activities planned.
2. Apologies	Emma Payne
3. Police Scotland report	12 Road traffic incidents; 3 straying animals; 4 assistance calls; 3 disorder incidents; 1 assault; 5 false calls – with good intent; 1 fire; 11 miscellaneous; 1 fraud; 1 domestic incident.
4. Highland Council Report by Cllr Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>School Crossing</b> – works not fully carried out, to finish by end of October, includes hi vis bollards. Contractor not paid until work complete.</li> <li>· <b>Fountain Square planters</b> £127 p.a. to maintain. Structure on list of community assets. Query on expiry of contract, and structural repair. Cllr Mackay to report back.</li> <li>· <b>Heavy lorries</b> – concerns are on-going. Speed is issue of perception rather than fact. Main issue is size. Cllr Mackay to report back after review of stretches of A9 through Brora.</li> <li>· <b>NC 500 route success</b> - bringing challenges – e.g. rubbish accumulation etc. a meeting of interested groups to discuss issues and challenges soon.</li> <li>· Amenities Officer states litter is public responsibility. Police Scotland increased issue of leaflet on courteous driving on single track roads. More distribution of information through social media.</li> <li>· Issue of visitor mobile homes etc. parking overnight in inappropriate places, and discharge of waste materials inappropriately. Loss of income for caravan sites. Cllr. Mackay to raise issue in committee. Looking at continental systems of provision.</li> </ul>