



# **BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Broadford and Strath Community Council meeting

26th of May 2025

7:30 PM, UHI North, West & Hebrides - Broadford

**Members Present:** Rhona Coogan (Vice-chair), David O'Donnell (Treasurer), Skye Deans (Secretary), Hamish Fraser (Chair), Nick Ferguson, Den Connell, Alistair McPherson, Iris Donaldson (youth representative)

**Online:** Hermione Lamont

**Apologies:** Angus Mcphie, Norma Morrison, Catriona Mackinnon (youth representative), Andy Williamson (Sleat community council)

**Others:** John Finlayson (Cllr), Hans Petri (Sleat Community Council), Martyn Arye

## **Welcome**

## **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

### **Approval of minutes \***

David proposed minutes, seconded by Rhona.

### **Matters arising**

Colin Mackinnon's proposal for a community-of-interest based community asset transfer of the Ashaig airstrip was discussed. Members of the community council unanimously oppose ownership of the asset being taken out of the community.

### **Police report**

Rhona will follow up with getting a report for the next meeting.

### **Community update**

Norma Morrison has sent apologies. She has sent the community update online.

The bike pump track work group has been set up. They are processing the feasibility support from BSCC. The bike track will hopefully be in the South Skye Community Campus. BSCC are supporting SSCC with funding. They are working on renewable projects for Camping Skye. They have developed a Graph net-zero plan for BSCC and Camping Skye. Thanks to Jeff for his work.

Remedial work at Broadford Public Toilets, thanks to the Highland Council. The new system is scheduled to be installed around mid-June. The toilets will be closed overnight due to vandalism, but they will reopen 24/7 after the new installation is complete.

They are supporting the village hall with Business Energy Scotland energy assessments.

Corrie Capers will be holding family sessions in the school garden on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. They have developed a hugelkultur bed at MaClennan Way. They are hoping to plant new fruit trees and bushes in the latest development.

Progress in the hospital path development, thanks to Hamish for this.

The Broadford Woodlands North feasibility study is still ongoing.

Expressions of interest for two sites on the Broadford industrial estate remain in place. Thanks to Norma for the update.

### **SSCC SCIO**

Noise survey done,

SSCC SCIO would like to increase its membership to help spread awareness and is asking community council members to help raise awareness.

Balfour Beatty would like to place a gym for the worker camp, and the facilities would be shared with the public. Community consultation will be required before planning takes place.

Rhona will stay on as the community council representative at SSCC meetings and attend on our behalf.

### **Skye & Raasay community benefit fund**

Feedback from other councils would be ideal.

We are happy to send a representative, but will abstain from voting for Foundation Scotland until the next meeting. David will be our representative. Voting for Foundation Scotland is open until June 30th.

### **Planning Applications**

Borrow pit - the quarry is getting shut down, and in its place, a borrow pit will be put. The final date for the consultation period was May 16th. Rhona will write up and submit a draft highlighting some points.

Terry Porter, Ashaig worker camp, final consultation event online, May 30th.

The proposed holiday units across from Broadford Hall. Rhona submitted a letter stating things discussed in the previous meeting, including that the community uses the area adjacent to the hall and possible issues with access.

### **Membership - Youth Members**

Youth members are not formal yet; we will wait for the exams to be finished before formalising their memberships. Both members are still keen to attend meetings. David to email Roddy MacLeod (Youth Development Officer to confirm) for permission to proceed.

### **Treasurer's report**

As of May 26, the council has £3,182.72 in the general account.

In the Christmas account, there is £860.38.

There are outstanding bills to the village hall of £30. David is following up to make the payment. AGM grant will be applied going forward once accounts are audited and approved. To be approved at the next meeting if the audit is completed in time.

### **AOCB**

Old Public toilets - the old public toilets still have signage. They need to be taken down to avoid confusion.

BSCC NOTICE BOARD - thanks to Nicholas at BSCC for the noticeboard in the coop.

Thanks to the community gardener for the work done around the war memorial

Christmas lights - Alistair will take charge. Plan to get everything prepared before so it will be simpler when putting the lights up.

24th of June, Sleat AGM 7:30

Permit agenda point made for other community councils

The development trust in Elgol is up and running, but it's hard to find money for the costs.

Asking if the community council would gift a figure to help. Discussion for next meeting once a formal request is submitted.

### **Public Discussion**

The Highland Green Energy Conference, the renewable sector, and Foundation Scotland see themselves as an independent enabler for the industry. Nervousness of the sector.

Balfour Beatty proposal in Ashaig.

At the Sedexo site, the community council was asked if they wished to have a predetermination hearing for the site. The council will conclude this discussion at the next meeting.

### **Upcoming meetings**

June 16th

Possible dates for upcoming meetings after a 2-month break are:

September 15th (Elgol Village Hall)

20th October

17th November

Next AGM around this time next year

Meeting Close

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th June TBC