



BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 15th September 2025
Held in the Elgol Village Hall 7.30pm

Present.

Hamish Fraser (Chair), David O'Donnell (Treasurer), Rhona Coogan (Vice Chair), Angus Macphie, Hermione Lamond, Den Connell, John Finlayson (online via Teams), members of the public

Apologies.

Alistair Macpherson, Nick Ferguson

Welcome

Hamish welcomed all to the annual meeting held in Elgol and thanked the community for the use of the community hall.

Both David and Rhona noted that Skye Deans, who joined as a youth member at 16 and moved forward to become the secretary and minute taker after her 18th birthday and has since left to go to university. The members thanked for her excellent input and wished her every success in the future.

Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the previous meeting was approved by all present.

Matters arising

None

Police report

There was no police report. Rhona will follow that up and seek attendance at future meetings.

Community update

David O'Donnell gave a comprehensive update and report on the Community Campus and other community matters:

Broadford Woodland North

Asset transfer request submitted

Application made to Scottish Land Fund and HIE following on from feasibility report to:

- support the purchase of Broadford Woodland North

Further community consultation will be carried out from January – March 26

Path network

Liaising with NHS, Active travel officer and our consultant Mike Hyatt to progress the hospital loop path. Further community consultation to be carried out at the end of September.

Camping Skye Renewables

£50K awarded by the Community Regeneration Fund for solar panels, battery storage and heat recovery system at Camping Skye. *Thanks to HC for their support.*

Awaiting result of £20K SSEN grant application to complete the project – expected end of September. This project will provide significant savings to the charity

Storm Floris

Storm Floris caused significant damage with a number of trees down. This has resulted in a cost of £5K which BSCC has to cover.

Carpark walls

Quote received from Nick Fergusson for the repair of the stonewalls in the carpark. Total cost will be £1.9K. Support would be appreciated in securing funding for this work.

Marble Line Bridge

Maintenance required which is likely to be a significant cost. Contact made with Community Regeneration Fund to discuss potential funds.

Broadford Toilets

- Works completed with the installation of a new turnstile. Throughput has doubled since the installation.
- Building Control have issued a completion certificate to replace the temporary certificate that had been in place.
- Challenging project with a lot of additional and ongoing finance and maintenance needed.

Men's Shed

Men's Shed are moving on in due course to bigger premises (Alistair will update further). Delighted to see this progression and we wish the Men's Shed all the very best.

Directors

We welcomed three new directors: Vanessa Lopez, Melissa Macdougall, Corrin Eadie.

All of the above alongside the normal day to day projects such as Camping Skye, Outdoor Learning, Flourish, Community Allotments and Community Gardener.

South Skye Community campus update

Planning:

- No planning as yet
- All additional information submitted
- Environmental Health requested the pitch be closed by 8pm. All other pitches in the area close at 9pm so we have asked that SSCC could be in line with other pitches
- Pitch has been reduced by 1 metre to accommodate the final route of the core path
- Meeting with Sports Lab 2.9.2025 to start the tendering process

Building Warrant:

- Building Warrant – working with SportsLab on this
- Deadline November

Proposed Gym facilities:

- Still in discussion with Balfour Beatty
- Community consultation will be needed before any agreement

Village Hall

- Broadford Village Hall Association was officially dissolved at end of August all funds transferred to SSCC
- CARES Energy Assessment received

- Looking at funding for a conditions survey (£2,700+VAT)

Fundraising

- Community Regeneration Fund decision announced and £200K awarded pending Islands Fund decision and planning approval
- Island Funds – expecting decision at the end of the September / October
- Looking at nature restoration fund for area between houses and car park

Legal

- Deed of servitude to be concluded, met with Dorothy on Tuesday
- HC still reviewing lease
- Sleat & Strath AFC will meet with their solicitor to arrange legal matters for passing on the legal access, so that there is a legal safeguard for S&S moving forward

Accommodation for Workers

- If contractors need space to house workers, talk to BSCC.

Highland Council update

Community Regeneration Funding of £200,000 hopefully coming to Skye to support the new football pitch providing the funding request is successful

Skye and Raasay Area Committee awarded £50,000 to Camping Skye to support the green agenda to support their heat recovery system, solar panels and battery storage.

Work in the Glasnakille road is due to start in the next two weeks and that announcement was warmly welcomed by all present.

Broadford carpark is due for a full resurfacing programme and the Council are looking to introduced parking charges when that work is completed. A robust discussion then ensued and many potential options were put forward by those present.

Short term lets (STL) are to be on the next full council meeting and the STL discussions will focus on STL control areas. Any decisions to have STL control areas, throughout the Highland Council area, will be debated and John will support a view that recommendations being brought forward, must be discussed at Area Committees

New School Update.

The school now has a contractor All planning criteria have been met, hoping to get a spade in the ground for the new school, probably in November, and hopefully finished by March time 2027.

Broadford Hospital site community

Angus reported that the Old Hospital title transfer from NHS Highland to Highland Council was repeatedly being pushed back. It has been established that Highland Council had received a letter from solicitors representing the lady who owns Corry Lodge and the Corry Estate, claiming that as a result of the drainage issues at the Old Hospital site the estate owned road leading down to the big pier had been damaged and that the Council was understandably hesitant about the possible implications of all of that. Having consulted John Finlayson, Angus met with Austin Boyle who works closely with the Corry Estate owner and has since had a call from the lady herself, during which she advised she is to coming back here shortly and she has agreed to meet Angus while in Broadford. Hamish thanked Angus for doing that and confirmed the ambition to have services there that will assist NHS Highland, including accommodation for visiting NHS personnel and perhaps step-up step-down facilities, working closely in partnership with the community.

John mentioned that while the title was to be transferred for a small sum, demolition costs were estimated at over £1m and he confirmed that no private developer will be able to acquire the site.

Planning

No planning issues raised

Community Issues

- A member of the public present raised the fact that the streetlights appeared to be permanently on from the Elgol road end to the Broadford hotel. It appears that storm Floris had affected the timing system but should be all be fixed in the near future.
- The condition of Ringle brae is of concern particularly the substructure which appears to require attention. Concerns raised that if the land, slides away there, the villages of Strathaird, Elgol and Glasnakille would be totally cut off from Broadford.
- The wording on passing place warning signs should be reviewed. They are too long-winded and should be designed so that all nationalities can understand them. There are incompetent signs. Image and permit overtaking is all that is required. Passing place signs should be replaced where missing.
- Good job done on the repair of the school wall and appreciated by the community.
- Car parking charges in Broadford. Strong debate regarding charges for local residents to have permits. Local residents should have permits issued free. Will there be a free hour period to allow tourists to stop for a short period.
- Need for more disabled parking will be addressed.

Hamish thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday October 27th