



# **BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Broadford & Strath Community Council meeting**

17 November 2025, 7.30PM

UHI North, West & Hebrides - Broadford

**Members Present:** Martyn Ayre, Den Connell, Rhona Coogan, Iris Donaldson (Youth Member), David O'Donnell, Nick Ferguson, Hamish Fraser (Chair), Alistair Macpherson, Angus Macphie

**Online:** Norma Morrison (BSCC), Cllr John Finlayson

**Members of the public:** Donald Maclennan

1. Welcome from Hamish Fraser
2. Apologies: Catriona Mackinnon (YM)
3. Approval of the minutes of last meeting on 27 October 2025.

Proposed by Den, seconded by David. Carried forward.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

The missing person in police report in October has been found.

Skye Mountain Rescue Team SCIO update: "Missing Hillwalker, Bla Bheinn- Update from Skye MRT.

Skye Mountain Rescue Team can confirm that at around 2pm on Saturday 8th November a body was found on the cliffs of the west face of Clach Glas. Due to the challenging location, the body was recovered the following day with assistance from Kintail Mountain Rescue Team, Glenelg Mountain Rescue Team, the Police Scotland (Highland) Mountain Rescue Team, and the HM Coastguard helicopter R948. Formal identification has now taken place, and the body has been confirmed as that of Matthias Beutin, 57. His family has been informed. We would like to thank all those who have supported the search over the past month, including the Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Team (RAF MRT), the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA), the Search and Rescue Aerial Association (SARAA), HM Coastguard helicopter R851, and drone operators from the Lake District mountain rescue teams for their kind offer of assistance. Volunteers from Skye Mountain Rescue Team have committed over 800 hours across to the search, and combined efforts from all mountain rescue teams exceed 1,700 hours.

We are grateful to everyone who has given their time and effort to support the search and recovery.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time."

5. No police report this meeting.

## **6. SSCC SCIO update**

NM - Delighted to announce that all funding has been secured to deliver the pitch. Press releases have gone out. Huge thanks to everyone who has got SSCC SCIO to this stage.

There will be tight timelines for the completion of the works, but SSCC confident that the works will be achieved to schedule.

THC officers have been extremely helpful in progressing works.

Community Asset transfer being suggested for old school site.

Looking to make new pitch useable outside booked hours to encourage free play for kids, natural football etc.

Next stages: looking at the village hall, a gym facility and new playpark.

SG and NM have met with SSEN Transmission to express hopes that the new funding will be more accessible than previous funding pots. In the past SSEN have used specific funding themes, which has meant that SSCC and BSCC have been unsuccessful with prior funding applications. It will be important to engage Councillors, MSPs, MPs to raise this issue. Keen to see local plans (ie. LPP and S&R Future Plan) referenced for future funding bids.

HF - Has the old school site been looked at for housing? NM – access is an issue as far as she knows due to problematic access for emergency vehicles etc.

Invite Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association to a meeting in the new year for update – Action RC.

## **7. Highland Council update:**

Roads – the winter maintenance programme has started. Thanks expressed to the roads department for the superb work on the Glasnakille road on behalf of the CC.

Budget – As UK Gov / SG haven't finalised their budgets, Local Authorities therefore cannot finalise their budget. This is not helping THC to plan.

## **8. New School update**

Contract discussions still taking place, so contractors are not yet on site. This will most likely be the new year now.

**9. Broadford Hospital site community** – AM update: meetings to take place this week.

## **10. Treasurer's Report:**

Still waiting on some historic bank statements to submit accounts for 24/25

Account balance: £5,149.91.

Alistair to give David receipt for the wreath.

## **11. Planning**

RC - CLG Broadford meeting took place on 6 Nov. Draft minutes circulated. Thanks to Norma for these. Brief update of meeting given:

Terms of Ref were adapted so that the community Chair and Minute the meetings.

Sodexo camp officially withdrawn on 28 Oct. Thanks were given to SSEN T on behalf of the community. Unresolved questions from previous meeting were raised once again at this meeting. We informed both SSEN T and BB that CC were forming an objection to the Ashaig workers camp (it had not been submitted at this point).

BB listed the statutory consultee responses. Restoration of the site was still a big concern for community.

We asked BB to meet with Morgan Sindall re. new school as both projects are due to go ahead at the same time and there are transport concerns.

Brief update on new funding from SSEN T representative, though more info to be released in the new year. Next meeting 11 Dec 25.

Q – SSEN were to contact the grazings committee – which grazing committee was this? RC Bob Beatson of Upper Breakish Grazings is the point of contact. Suggestion to contact Bob Beatson to request that the UB Grazings provide a report for the CLG group.

MA – Ashaig workers camp– Since CC objection submitted, lots of new documents have appeared on the planning portal. They include more detailed plans for a huge geo-engineering operation with lots of pipes, foul water drainage, water supply. Site restoration is still not made clear.

MA has sent a personal email requesting an answer as to why no full Environmental Impact Assessment has been deemed necessary by THC, as it is such a significant change to the site. A new objection has been submitted from the nearby resident, who is concerned for bore hole water supply.

## **12. AOCB**

Alistair – Christmas tree update - cable to be connected within the next two weeks. Thanks to Fraser Struthers and Simon Heron at Bear Scotland. The small tree at Scullamus should be manageable too.

A local resident expresses his concerns about the amount of traffic speeding through Broadford. Lack of pedestrian crossing is a major problem and Donald Maclellan sees many speeding vehicles from his house in the centre of Broadford. Issue discussed by members. CC to organise meeting between Transport Scotland, Police Scotland and the Highland Council. JF to send Transport Scotland contact to David O'Donnell: Iain Woodcroft. Action – HF

War Memorial – Alistair, Den and Martyn attended a touching service at the war memorial. Primary school children were in attendance. Balfour Beatty representatives were present and offered their voluntary support to the community. Members agreed that it would be good to make a list of jobs where voluntary support would be useful. For example, clearing overgrowth in the area around the war memorial.

South Skye Men's Shed –

Alistair - Reminder that the Men's Shed now own the Church Hall but it needs a lot of work, including a new roof, and this will be costly. Reminder that they have expressed an interest to be kept in mind for any potential funding that could be beneficial. SLCVO have supported. They may be able to secure match funding and would request donations in this instance. A reminder that Wednesday mornings are open for anyone to attend 10.30am – 1pm. Hopefully extending the hours again in the future.

HF announces that he will be stepping down as Chairperson at the next meeting.

Minute Secretary to be put onto Agenda for next meeting.

**Date of next meeting** - 19 January 2026

**Future meeting dates:** 16 February, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May