



BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 19 Jan 2026

UHI North, West & Hebrides – Broadford, 7.30PM

Present: Martyn Ayre, Den Connell, Rhona Coogan, David O'Donnell, Nick Ferguson, Hamish Fraser (Chair), Angus Macphie, Alistair McPherson

Online: Cllr John Finlayson

Apologies: Iris Donaldson (YM), Catriona Mackinnon (YM), Norma Morrison (BSCC)

Welcome from Hamish Fraser (Chair).

Approval of Minutes November meeting approved. Proposed by David, seconded by Rhona

Matters Arising

Traffic speeding through Broadford – suggestion to change the location of 20mph sign near the Torrin junction as this is not considered to be in an obvious enough location. General feeling that it would be better located nearer the North end of the village, by the Post Office etc. where there is a pedestrian crossing etc. and several junctions. Meeting to be organised with Ian Woodcroft (follow up from November. JF's advice is to list the specific issues prior to the meeting and organise online meeting. JF suggests including an invite to Hazel Muir at Bear Scotland. **HF to action this.**

Thanks expressed to the Highland Council Roads Team for their work over the wintery spell on behalf of the Broadford & Strath community.

Request for letters of support – BSCC and South Skye Mens Shed. Agreed by all members present.

Broadford and Strath Community Company Update

Highlights - December 2025 / January 2026

Broadford Woodland North

- *Successful funding awards from the Scottish Land Fund - £29,620 and HIE - £23,880 for the acquisition of the Broadford Woodland North*

- *Purchase to complete by end March*
- *Bid submitted to SSE Sustainable Development Fund towards 5-year development plan for expanded woodland*

Broadford Community Woodland Restoration

- *Successful tree planting day at Camping Skye with 30+ attendees*
- *Volunteer sessions started*
- *Informal paths opened up to top of site, linking with the Skinidin path*
- *Successful bid for 1400 trees – Conservation Volunteers*
- *Successful Nature Restoration bid – read more here:*
<https://www.broadfordandstrath.org/news/nrf-funding/>
- *Support secured from SSEN for removal of self-seeded Sitka in the forest*
- *New felling licence underway*

Path network

Hospital – Pier Link Path

- *Planning permission to be submitted imminently – support request from CC to reduce costs*

Marble Line Bridge

- *Survey undertaken of Marble Line Bridge and Strath Suardal Bridge (£1K)*
- *Invitation to Quote ready to be sent to potential contractors – deadline 13th February*
- *Will look at funding options when we have an idea of costs*

Camping Skye Renewables - solar panels, battery storage and heat recovery system at Camping Skye

- *G99 permission secured*
- *Shanks Plumbing and Renewable ready to start on the 26th January*
- *Funding: THC CRF £50K, Isle of Skye Renewables £10K and BSCC £10K*
- *General winter maintenance going on at the Campsite*

Skye Cycle Way

- *Funding awarded – read more here - <https://www.broadfordandstrath.org/news/scw-funding-award/>*

Plots at Broadford Industrial Estate

- *BSCC currently have Expressions of Interest in two sites on the industrial estate.*
- *Early conversations about recycling projects*

Year-end accounts finalised and audited at a cost of £16K to the charity.

All the above alongside the normal day to day projects Corry Capers, Camping Skye, Flourish, Community Allotments, Community Gardener, Broadford and Elgol Toilets and supporting and working with SSCC, MMH working group, SSEN Community Liaison Group, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

If any Community Councillors would like to come for a visit please let us know and we would be very happy to show you round and chat about our work.

- Norma Morrison, Community Coordinator 15.12.26

South Skye Community Campus SCIO update

Update for Broadford Primary School Stakeholders (14th January 2026)

Fundraising:

Confirmed funding from the Island Programme funding - £327,393 which completes the funding package and allows us to start the all-weather pitch development

Looking into revenue funding for a Campus Development Manager, planning an application to the SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund, but this fund looks to be very over-subscribed. We have agreed a job description for a 3 day per week role to be based at Broadford Village Hall.

Thanks to HC for their support to date

Planning:

We have appointed Sports Labs to help us with the whole process from the contractor tendering process, building warrant and managing the contractors. There is an on-site meeting today.

After the meeting a meeting with Dorothy will be organised.

Discussion with Sports Labs about different crumbs on the surface and they recommended that we use the standard plastic crumb and look at changing it in the future when environmentally friendly crumbs have been fully tested.

Legal:

Deed of servitude with solicitors, no recent contact

Heads of terms for lease is now with solicitors.

Sleat & Strath AFC have a draft Minute Agreement from their solicitor to be shared with SSCC.

Highland Council update (JF)

Skye area committee taking place on 16 Feb) agree capital roads program for 26/27. Budget increased from £500,000 to £3 million last year. Hopeful that this will happen again.

Ward forum on Thursday – the theme is resilience. Community emergency plans for snow etc. Intention is to find out what is a priority for your community. What is in place or what needs implementing, with support from public agencies. Two representatives invited from each CC. Teams – David and Martyn volunteer to attend. Thurs 22 January 7PM on Teams.

NF asked for updates on the short-term control area for S & L. JF – it was agreed at the last area committee meeting that public consultation is the next step. This will be coming soon.

Special meeting for budgeting on 5 March.

New Primary School – Morgan Sindall started work. Official ‘spade in the ground’ may happen in Feb/March. Very positive. Liaising taking place between Scottish Water, SSEN and Morgan Sindall.

Discussion: at stakeholder meeting parents council raised route from housing to primary school. THC said that they are aware of that and they will put something alternative in for access to school and then when it is completed there will be a right of access to the new school.

Old Broadford Hospital ground (AnM)

This has been going on for 5 years now, thanks to JF for his support. Good news that the property has now been fully transferred into ownership of the Highland Council.

National Centre for Remote & Rural Care (SG) are now in discussions with the hospital working group. Priority is to keep this site for health & social care related uses only. Accommodation for hospital workers is still needed desperately, along with use by family members of hospital patients and potential for clinics etc. Currently, hospital staff have been sleeping in their cars when they are on shift.

Meeting upcoming with THC (site owners), NHS Highland, LSHA, More Homes and SSEN’s Stuart MacPherson and an HIE representative.

Treasurer’s Report

One transaction - Alistair wreath – receipt recorded. Current bank balance: £5107.01.

To receive our bursary, we need minutes, and AGM minutes plus approved accounts to be sent to Jane Young (nee. MacInnes). AGM 25 minute and tonight's draft minute to be sent. RC to send DOD the AGM minute.

Approval of the CC accounts from 1 April 24 – 31 Mar 25 and approval of payment / donation of £483.45 made to the Senior Citizens Fund. Agreed by members.

Thanks to Angus McPhie, Hermione Lamont, and Debbie Billington for their historic and ongoing work on the CC accounts.

Planning

Old Corry Borrow Pit 25/01360/FUL

MA surprised that plans are changing after the public consultation period is closed. Concern that the quarry will not be backfilled following use as a quarry. The Planning Officer has been contacted and have agreed to contact the applicant to find out more. There should be some replanting conditions included to screen from the A87.

Ashaig accommodation camp and construction compound 25/02051/FUL

THC have instructed the applicant (BB) to re-do their EIA screening for the application.

Proposed mixed-use development including houses...Land 85M SE Of West Highland Free Press 1 Pairc Nan Craobh Industrial Estate 25/04434/FUL

Concerns that the neighbour letters did not appear until the last minute. Due to Christmas break, concern that residents have not seen

Public consultation deadline has been extended until 4 February. This is to be shared on our social media – **action David.**

Share this news with the Community Company. The developer is keen to come back and meet with the community to discuss concerns.

NF = concern there is no need for archaeological screening. Concerned that the application is already in at this stage, THC will base their decision on this, despite meetings.

AOCB

Cemetery paths (HF) - the paths are now narrow due to overgrown moss in both Ashaig and Broadford. JF has already been in touch with Kevin Gordon and John Maclean to tidy up the paths. They will look at deer fencing and see what can be done. In addition, some graves (particularly in Ashaig) are sinking. JF will raise it, but not sure what the solution would be. It is best to send all of this in an email with concerns so that it can be circulated easily.

Christmas trees and decorations – thanks to Alistair and his team of volunteers for organising.

Old Corry Road – the road is very bad condition right now. SSEN will be funding improvements. Take a picture and send it on to JF. To be raised at the CLG meeting.

Chair resignation

Hamish thanks to all for support but will unfortunately be stepping down as Chair this evening.

New office bearers elected:

Chair – David (proposed by Hamish, seconded Den)

Treasurer – Rhona (proposed by David, seconded Alistair)

Vice Chair – Hamish (proposed David, seconded Martyn)

Discussion over recruiting a minute secretary – possibility to request help from BSCC to do the minutes. This can be paid work.

Date of next meeting: 16 February 2026