



BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 16th February 2026

UHI North, West & Hebrides – Broadford, 7.30PM

Present: David O'Donnell (chair), Hamish Fraser (vice-chair), John Finlayson (councillor), Alistair McPherson, Nick Ferguson, Den Connell, Martyn Ayre, Catriona MacKinnon (youth member), Iris Donaldson (youth member), Melissa MacLeod (parent council), one member of the public

Online: n/a

Apologies: Rhona Coogan (treasurer), Angus McPhie, Norma Morisson (BSCC)

Welcome from: David O'Donnell (Chair).

Declarations of conflicts of interest: None

Approval of Minutes January minutes approved. Approved by Hamish. Seconded by Den.

Matters Arising

David provided a letter of support for South Skye Men's Shed as requested.

Hamish has contacted Transport Scotland regarding speed limits through Broadford. Awaiting response.

Hamish fulfilled a request by Broadford & Strath Community Company (BSCC) to file their planning application through Community Council for the new hospital path.

Hamish attended the Elgol School consultation in Elgol on our behalf on 09/02/2026.

David has forwarded all Community Council minutes from 2025 to Paul Matthews for upload on our website.

David has contacted BSCC to ask about the possibility of them taking minutes for CC ongoing.

Police report

No police report. Police Scotland to be contacted. **Action: DO**

Broadford and Strath Community Company Update

No update provided.

South Skye Community Campus SCIO update – DO

Synthetic pitch

Tender

Lots of interest from construction companies.

Schedule

Issue Tender Documents– 6 February

Returned Tenders – 6 March

Award Contract – 18 March

Commencement on Site – 15 April

Completion of Project – 24 July

Health & Safety

Working with Highland Council and the primary school to ensure access to play park and parking/school pick up area during construction.

Morgan Sindall will construct a temporary path from Campbell's Farm to the existing school.

SSCC AGM – date set - 7:30pm on Monday 11th May 2026 in the village hall

Village Hall – We've obtained quotes for WIFI, hoping that SSEN will pay for it while they are in the area.

Campus Development Manager – funding bid submitted to SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund. Will know result in April.

Lease and Deed of servitude are with lawyers.

Setting up two new working groups, one for the playpark and one with the Mackinnon Society of America who wish to create a small museum exhibit.

Update from 16th February 2026

Highland Council update - JF

- Budget Setting still ongoing and papers for Thursday's Special meeting of the council to set a balanced Budget are now available online. Proposals of note- Increase to WDF, CC funding and Comfort Schemes.
- Funding for Roads still at £20 million with Skye & Raasay getting £3million for third year which is so much more than previously £500k – however probably £40 million needed.
- Council Tax of 7% being proposed- 5% plus 2% to finance HIP which supports investment in roads and new schools- hence why we are getting 2 schools on Skye

Recent Area Committee Reports

- Fire Service Report – Broadford Station Staffing- Just 43% availability but that has improved since last year. FYI- Dunvegan 72%, Portree 86%, Raasay 90%, Uig 50%

- SSEN Skye Reinforcement Project Community Funding update

Many thanks for the invitation to attend the meeting this morning, I'm glad it was helpful.

Please find attached the Powerpoint slides.

I'm booking the venues for the in-person events this week. Once the dates are confirmed I'll send out email invitations to all the Community Councils and Development Trusts in the area, along with other key stakeholders including Elected Members. You mentioned you're meeting a Community Council shortly, so please feel free to mention that they can expect to hear from me with more details about the consultation by the end of the month.

- Area Roads Capital Programme Agreed- £3.2 million to Skye & raasay
- CRF funding agreed- including £47k to Men's Shed in Broadford for the roof.
- Children's Disability Service and support for families and short- term breaks service new facility in Portree ready for June. Currently offered in Elgin Hostel but real struggle as cannot recruit staff. % times advertised, Supply from Caithness but that will stop as their new facility opens soon.

Good News re Broadford Turf Cutting and Pitch.

David noted the next HC Broadford Primary School stakeholder meeting will be 18th March 2026.

Old Broadford Hospital ground - HF

The steering group met in February and will soon have meetings with Highland Council, NHS Highland and other stakeholders.

Planning

No noteworthy new planning applications.

Treasurer's Report - DO

No transactions since last meeting. Balance is £5107.01.

24/25 accounts have been submitted. HC grant has been approved. Transaction pending.

Thanks to Rhona, Hamish and Angus for helping to collate all information required for the submission.

Committee happy for CC to purchase a noticeboard key for Rhona.

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CLG2a (Broadford & Strath) – (Provided by) RC

Broadford CLG Meeting 2PM, 12 Feb 2026 Updates The new broadford substation construction plans were discussed, highlighting the changes to the road layout (A87 / Old Corry junction) and the construction impact on residents. SSEN T to set up a communications group for Old Corry residents as soon as possible. SSEN T assures that pedestrian access along popular walking route from Old Corry to Skinadin route will be maintained during all construction works. SSEN T specifies the use of safety cones / barriers, where necessary. New Broadford Substation site visits will be made possible to CLG group when construction reaches a suitable level of health & safety. The community has requested a full list of outlined project sites to be used by SSEN T in the Broadford & Strath CC area. Concerns were raised about the reopening of a borrow pit and peat management plans being adhered to. The community request a summary of designated biodiversity net gain (BNG) areas across the Skye Reinforcement Line project area to show where BNG offsets will be delivered. The Ashaig Workers Camp planning application now faces delays, with slim chance that new layout will be ready for THC Planning Committee (11 March) and May/June will be more likely. A significant objection from THC's Transport Planning Team is noted. Broadford Village Hall Wi-Fi quotes to be reviewed by SSEN T to better facilitate

meetings / online attendance by participants. Full draft minutes to be circulated this week The next Broadford CLG meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19 March 2026, at 2PM.

No current date for South Skye CLG2 meeting.

Christmas lights - AM

Community Council will ask Broadford & Strath Community Company to split the cost of replacement Christmas lights. Alistair and Den to source.

Community resilience/phone masts – AM

CC to consider contacting the telecommunications companies over concerns of outages in an emergency.

Skye Raasay Community Benefit Fund – DO

Next meeting set for 3rd March 2026. DO to attend on behalf of CC, along with BSCC rep(s).

Date of next meeting: 16 March 2026