

**Minutes of AGM meeting
Tuesday, 15th June 2025
At Brora Community Centre**

Present: Russell Rekhy RR (Chair), Gina Stewart GS (Secretary), Becky Clay BC, Robbie MacLennan RM, Peter Fassen de Heer PFDH (Treasurer), Ruwan Uduwera-Perera RUP, Jim McGillivray (Highland Councillor), Liam Clancy LC (Highland Council), Dawn DeHavilland DDH (Minute Secretary)

Also Attending: 14 members of public.

Apologies: David Andrews DA, Richard Gale RG (Highland Councillor)

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGM Minutes meeting 18th June 2024:

The minutes of last meeting were circulated and accepted on the proposal of Peter PFDH and seconded by Ruwan RUP.

Treasurer's report was accepted on the proposal of Becky BC and seconded by Gina GS.

Approval of Office Bearers

Councillor McGillivray asked for proposers and seconders for the required posts.

Chair: Becky BC proposed by Russell RR and seconded by Robbie RM.

Vice Chair: David DA proposed by Becky BC and seconded by Gina GS.

Secretary: Gina GS proposed by Becky BC seconded by Robbie RM.

Treasurer: Peter PFDH will be a non-voting associate member of BCC, as he holds a skill set that no current members of the BCC have, following clarification of Community Council regulations from Liam LC.

The vacant position of Community Councillor will be voted upon at the next meeting, two notes of interest have been received.

Follow on impromptu meeting:

Diana Royce enquired which community councillors would be attend the Community Councils renewables event on the 12th August held in Inverness, Russell RR would attend.

Russell RR, Councillor McGillivray & Liam LC left the meeting.

Becky BC (Chair) asked for questions from the floor:

There was great disappointment with the number of outstanding questions that are still unanswered by Russell RR, given that the community have been previously told only Russell RR can answer specific questions. Becky BC (Chair) advised she would liaise with Russell RR during the week & update at next week's meeting on the outstanding issues.

Action: Becky BC to update **Responsible Member:** Becky BC **Review Date:** 22.07.2025

From the floor: A discussion was held about BCC constitution, Ruwan will ensure a copy is available on the BCC Facebook page, it was also noted that Community councils are governed by the Scheme of Establishment a copy of which can be found on the Highland Council Website:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/21179/scheme_of_establishment_final_sept_2019

From the floor: There were questions regarding the lack of agenda, previous minutes & a treasurer report being available for the attendees to peruse, Gina GS apologised for this & will ensure the agenda for future meetings will be available in the Library, minutes once they have been ratified are available upon request by email, in the Library, on the BCC Facebook page & on the Brora Development Trust Website. Peter PFDH (time

permitting will have a treasurer's report available for the next meeting, which will also be published on the BCC Facebook page.

Action: Agenda, Minutes & Treasurer Report **Responsible Member:** Gina GS, Ruwan RUP & Peter PFDH
Review Date: 22.07.2025

From the floor: General discussion about Murphy & SSN, Ruwan RUP advised Murphy Group will be in attendance on 22nd July 2025, the next community council meeting, this will be an opportunity for residents to raise their concerns & ask question directly with Murphy about their future & current plans.

Action: Attend Event **Responsible Member:** Russell RR **Review Date:** 12.08.2025

From the Floor: Ellen Lindsay enquires as to the situation with Billy Buchanan as he has not attended any BCC meetings for several months, Beck BC (Chair) advised given the constitution states members should be asked to resign if they miss six consecutive meetings, Becky BC will contact Billy BB & update at the next meeting.

Action: Becky BC to contact Billy BB **Responsible Member:** Becky BC **Review Date:** 22.07.2025

From the Floor: Clarification was requested as to the difference between Co-Opted members & Associate members, Becky BC (Chair) explained Co-Opted members need a two thirds majority to be voted onto BCC, whereas an Associate member can be asked to join at any time as they have no vote.

Kirsty Roseveare confirmed she wished to be considered by BCC as a Co-Opted member, Becky BC (Chair) advised the vote would take place at the next meeting.

From the floor: Concern that there are no meals for children over the summer holidays, what plans are in place for the Christmas holidays? Sarah Morrison from Brora Development Trust (BDT) advised that for the last three years the BDT had provided the service however they will not be doing so this summer, the next meal initiative will be Meal starter kits & will be made available in the last week of school term, in December 2025.

From the Floor: Discussion regarding BCC financial situation, Peter PFDH will provide an update at the next meeting in the form of a treasurer's report, Becky BC (Chair) will confirm who the signatories are on the BCC bank accounts, Becky BC agreed there needed to be more transparency & would ensure residents have an input as to how the funds are used in the future.

Kirsty Roseveare enquired if there was a member of BCC who had experience of making a successful claim for funding from Gordon Bush & Kilbraur, unfortunately none of the members have this knowledge base. Sarah BDT advised other development trusts work closely with their respective community councils when putting funding applications forward, BCC agreed this is something they would strive to achieve in the future. Both the BDT & BCC now attend each other's meetings to facilitate a supportive working arrangement in the future.

From the floor: A retrospective planning application has been lodged by Murphy Group, it was felt Murphy Group were not adhering to their own plans, Ruwan RUP advised this would be addressed at the next meeting with Murphy Group in attendance.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 22.07.2025 7PM, BESS Sub group Monday 11.08.2025