

BRORA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Mintues Meeting 16th September 2025

Heading	Dialogue/Notes	Action
Attending	Dave, Ruwan, Robbie, Mhairi, Gina, Becky, Richard	
	14 members of the public	
Apologies	Russell, Peter, Dawn, Diana	
Welcome & Police Report	The Chair welcomed everyone. Explained about ACT (police initiative going into schools) representative a local girl Sara Mackenzie. Nothing specific for Brora to report. Report covers the whole Ward 4.	
	Chair explained there were actually going to be 2 sets of meeting minutes this month published and shared. One set of unaltered minutes and the other after SSEN made ammendments. Chair appologised for this, explaining they should not have been shared with SSEN until adopted by the committee. Secretary will send them out to interested in due course.	
	Red barriers are still in place on the bridge and are an eyesore. The issue is still an ongoing issue with Transport Scotland.	Russell and Richard to chase up.
	Chair requested that everyone on the committee get access to posting on Facebook page.	Ruwan
	Richard has spoken to Rangers regarding signs about danger of lighting fires near the beach.	
	Micr.o Grant poster ready to go out and get advertised on social media	Becky and Gina
	Poster for Teleprint online, Becky has got them now from OFCOM website.	Becky
Councillors' Report	Fountain Square – Ameneties Team said they are not responsible. Cemetary – Still a problem with Historic Scotland. Workmen have to be assigned and approved by them. Brora Primary – No cuts. Roads Team – had a meeting with Murphys, it was explained to them strongly they are bound to adhere to the law regarding where and when they put signs up. Poverty Commision - has been set up to look at the Highlands for 1 year.	
	Hole in the pavement in 17 Muirfield Drive getting bigger. Highland Broadband? Overgrown bushes beside the old bakery (opposite the	Richard

	Co-op)		
	Sarah Morrison has organised a “Meet the Groups” session in the Scout and Guide Hall on 30 th October. Members of the Community Council will be in attendance.		
	Sarah and Peter had done a poster showing what the Development Trust did and what the Community Council does. A member of the public asked could one be done for Brora Enterprise.	Becky	
	Chair explained that she had set out a document for the committee to show parameters. To clarify, anything discussed at the Planning meetings were still to go through the Community Council so the public can hear as well as not everyone can attend planning meetings. Minutes have to be agreed before sharing. Becky read it out. Ruwan shared that no minutes were taken at the planning meetings.		
	A member of the public wondered would e-mails still be sent by Peter and the committee.		
	Richard mentioned that training for new Community Council panel members is in the pipeline.		
Planning News	Chair handed over to Ruwan for planning news. Ruwan handed out a draft of response that Diana had sent for us to discuss. Several of the public raised the concern that there was no access to plans locally, nearest being Helmsdale. On Facebook there is a response page/comments on SSEN development. He reminded us not to copy and past but use our own words. BCC had put in an objection but it was reiterated in a reply that we have until 6th October and no extension will be granted on the time limit. Next meeting organised by Helen Crawford will be in Inverness 8th October. Bus provisionally booked. A member of the public who was organising the Highland Climate Conference? Was it organised by the “industry”? Richard intimated that this was not the case. To attend the meeting costs £20/£40 to register. Contact Joan Lawrey on this occasion. Member of the public asked who was it that was conducting the objections? Praise was given to the amount of work done by Diana regarding this.		

	Ruwan explained how difficult it had been to arrange a suitable meeting with Murphys but it is anticipated that they will attend again but may be different people. A member of the public from The Doll mentioned that he had kept e-mails going, one of which started with “The Village of the Doll...” his thought was...this says it all. He is continuing to dialogue with them re letters etc. All agreed this was very profitable and thanked him for his effort with this regard. Another member of the public asked about the comments deadline being 6th October. The gentleman who is on the common grazings committee had confirmation from Murphys that they will be starting work in 21 days. He encouraged all at the meeting to keep writing letters. Richard commented that at present Murphys are allowed to do this as it is seen as part of the development. BESS – all quiet at present. Pollie – quiet, but expecting movement soon. Land has recently been sold. Permission has been given to put a track in. A question about retrospective planning situation. Has a hearing taken place? Ruwan said no that it hadn't. Richard mentioned that there will be a hearing but not sure when. There can be an appeal lodged if there is a “point of law” issue. A member of the public commented that developers have a lot of money and so therefore can go ahead with points of law. Richard kindly went on to explain how planning committee works. The rules and points that are made. These can be watched online if so desired. Committee happy with the draft of the letter and so were the public.	
Community Feedback	Place plan 153 people have filled in the current questionnaire but a new “more user friendly” one is going to be done, printed out and shared with focus groups of various ages. A member of the public enquired about the possibility of a defibulator positioned somewhere in Gordonbush as it is such an isolated place and therefore if someone	

	was taken ill with heart attack would decrease their chances of survival if they had to wait on assistance to reach them. She very kindly offered to house one and perhaps the fishing hut would be another place to have one mounted. Following on from this, a discussion was had regarding epi-pens for allergic reactions and Aspiven for stings/snake bites. Also a list of where defibrillators are currently placed in Brora. Visitors may want to know this information as well as residents. (Becky to look into this).		
	Next planning meeting 6th October 7pm		
	Next Community Council meeting 28th October 7pm		