

**Minutes of AGM meeting
Tuesday, 16th June 2026
At Brora Community Centre**

Present: Becky Clay BC (Chair), David Andrews DA (Vice Chair), Gina Stewart GS (Secretary), Ruwan Uduwera-Perera RUP, Russell Rekhy RR, Peter Fassen de Heer PFDH (Treasurer), Diana Royce DR, Richard Gale RG (Highland Councillor), Dawn DeHavilland DDH (Minute Secretary).

Also Attending: 12 members of public.

Apologies: Robbie MacLennan RM, Mhairi Burd MB.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Office Bearers

Richard Gale RG asked for proposers and seconders for the required posts.

Chair: Becky BC proposed by Ruwan RUP and seconded by David DA.

Richard RG Thanked the members of the Community Council for their work throughout the last year, then handed over to Becky BC for proposers and seconders of the remaining posts.

Vice Chair: David DA proposed by Gina GS and seconded by Russel RR.

Secretary: Gina GS proposed by Becky BC seconded by David DA.

Treasurer: Peter PFDH (non-voting associate member of BCC,) proposed by Becky BC seconded by Diana DR.

Adoption of constitution and standing orders

Proposed by David DA seconded by Diana DR.

Annual Account Report

Peter PFDH Thanked Christine Ross for auditing the account.

The accounts were circulated to all present, please see appendix 1 for a copy.

Peter PFDH updated the information about BCC fund access to, copies of which were circulated to those present. The purpose of the document is to summarise the resources so that all in the BCC and others in the Brora community, both individuals and organisations, can make more informed proposals on their use for the betterment of the people of Brora. Please see appendix 2 for a copy.

Chairman's Report

Becky BC: 2026 was another busy year for Brora Community Council. BCC continue to engage with all the relevant agencies, including, Police Scotland, Highland Council, windfarms, its trustees, and local groups. BCC recognises all the hard work of the volunteer & shops in the area who work tirelessly to fund raise. BCC through the Micro grant has supported various groups, but the option for individuals to apply for a grant for £250 towards driving lessons sees a big impact on our community. Becky BC thanked our community councillors, the Highland councillors, the BCC co-opted members and the members of the local community for all their hard work, efforts and continued support. Please see appendix 3 for the full report.

Date of next AGM 16th June 2027

Follow on meeting: due to time sensitive issues:

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

Public: Where can information about individual BCC members be found?

Richard RG Highland Councillors are required to declare any interests, these can be viewed on the individual registers of interest on the Highland Council Website, this is not a requirement for Community Councils. Becky

BC advised BCC members declare interests as and when required, in addition the public can ask questions at the BCC meetings.

Issue of Common Grazing

Jan Dunn the grazing committee clerk was asked to give an overview of the issues: The golf club has applied to the Scottish Land Court to remove crofters’ rights to graze their animals on the course, a process known as a “resumption”. The hearing is expected to take place later in the year no date is known yet. Removing the grazing rights would significantly impact the crofters by preventing them from making silage in their home fields during the summer while livestock grazed on the course, this would have a knock-on effect on businesses such as the local agricultural merchant, supply company, vet and haulage firms. Following discussion, it was agreed that more information is required from the golf club in order that a balanced view can be obtained. Russell RR will prepare an email to be sent to the golf club, Becky BC will arrange a visit to glean why the golf club are taking this approach. Various people present were keen to know why the golf club wanted to change the status quo.

Action: Email, visit Responsible Member: Russell RR, Becky BC Review Date: 17.08.2026

Issue of Puffin Crossing

BEAR Scotland is proposing the installation of a new controlled “Puffin” pedestrian crossing on the A9 at Harry Gows Rosslyn Street. BCC asked BEAR if the site can be changed to the near the pharmacy, BEAR responded stating at present they have no plans for work north of the bridge. Following discussion Richard RG will invite BEAR to a BBC meeting to hear views of the residents.

Action: Invite BEAR Responsible Member: Richard RG Review Date: 17.08 2026

Hustings

BCC organised a hustings to take place at Brora Community Centre on Thursday 18.06.2026 from 7pm. The Five candidates Eric De Venny (Scottish Liberal Democrats), Eva Short (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party), Jay Ayrey (Reform), John Murray (independent) and Rebecca Machin (SNP) are competing for a seat on the Highland Council which was vacated by the retirement of long-standing councillor Jim McGillivray, Embo.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17.08.2026 7PM, BESS Sub group Monday July 2026