New Broadford School and Community Hub Working Group (NBS&CHWG)

(aka Broadford Stakeholder Group)

Draft Minutes - Meeting 5

Microsoft Teams

24 November 2021 4pm

Present:	
Stakeholders	
Gordon Bell	Representing Kate Forbes MSP
Anthony Davies	BHC
Hamish Fraser	B & S Community Council
Shirley Grant	BSCC
Malcolm Henry	BSCC – Project Manager
Nicholas Kelly	FC
lain McIvor	LSHA
Roddy MacLeod	BSCC
Angus MacPhie	BHC
Stuart MacPherson	HIE
Norma Morrison	BSCC – Community Co-ordinator
Sarah Yoxon	Shinty Club
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Highland Council Reps	
Stephen Atkins	Head Teacher, THC
Robert Campbell	Estates Strategy Manager, THC
Faye Dyer	Housing Options Officer, THC
John Finlayson	Councillor, THC
Jenny MacRae	Estates Co-ordinator, THC
Chloe Murray	Housing Development, THC
Alan Paul	Estates Officer, THC
Simon Swanson	Corporate Programme Manager, HLH
Apologies	
Jenny Bruce	Principal Housing Officer, THC
Don Esson	Area Education & Learning Manager, THC
Dorothy Gibb	Principal Estates Officer, THC
Neil Hope	BSCC
Calum MacLeod	Councillor, THC
Rory MacLeod	Housing Manager, THC
Calum Munro	Councillor, THC

Abbreviations:

B&S Community Council - Broadford and Strath Community Council

BSCC - Broadford and Strath Community Company

BHC - Broadford Hall Committee

Cllr - Councillor, The Highland Council

FC - Football Club

HIE - Highlands and Islands Enterprise

HLH - Highlife Highland

LSHA - Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association

MSP – Member of the Scottish Parliament

NBS&CHWG - New Broadford School and Community Hub Working Group

PC - Broadford Primary School Parent Council

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	ACTION
Apologies: as listed above	
MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING	
 Update from GB KF to meet with Shirley Ann Somerville prior to Christmas. Meeting with Maree Todd to be arranged Letter from Clare Haughey, which has been shared with JF and members of the group. 	
 At this stage we are in early discussions with Sport Scotland about them making a commitment to support projects in Highland and their CEO attended the Education Committee last week to confirm that commitment. The council and HLH are now hoping to work with Sport Scotland to identify which projects would meet their funding criteria(announcement expected in December) and as Donna has indicated, Broadford would be a priority project for consideration. Met with Mowi and HIE and meeting SSEN tomorrow Islands Infrastructure Fund details due soon. Funding pot of 500k 	
 Update from RC Sub-group to be set up to include HC officers, who will assist with information gathering until the Project Officer is in place. Group can start work on the Sport Scotland application. Information gathered will be required for all funding streams and makes sense to start this process now. AMP to identify persons to be on subgroup. 	АМР
 Update from MH CK has shared a sketch of the Community Hub floorplan. It's not what we need to progress but is significant progress. Understand that more detailed plans will be made available in the next week or two. 	
PROJECT OVERVIEW	
 Update from AP HC officers have regular meetings with Robertson Construction and WSP. Project is in two parts – Design and Feasibility. Covers site investigations, drainage, ground conditions, orientation, and location of buildings. 	

- Robertson's still waiting on some information from HC room data sheets, IT information and accommodation schedules for Community wing.
- Had hoped to have received feasibility report from Robertson but there have been delays.
- No issues with bedrock
- Peat at 500mm below turf.
- Water close to surface but draining naturally.
- IM suggests Robertson contact Andrew McMaster from Compass. He is on site for LSHA and could share groundwork information. If trial pits are needed, Compass have a machine on site. Good partnership working approach.
- RC Passivhaus design has been a learning curve. Delays experienced but now moving forward. Still on track for school to open in Aug 2025.
 - Will need to decide final cut off dates for feasibility report.
- SA stated how excited the pupils and staff were at seeing the digger arrive on site.

DESIGN OVERVIEW

Update from AP

- Final decision to be reached on single or two storey build.
- Ongoing discussions with architects and nothing definitive yet.
- Must meet the educational needs for the school.
- Preliminary outline plans but no finer details yet.
- MH Represents progress receiving the sketch plan. Need to wait to get full plan.
- SA No consultation yet with school on single or two storey build. Not been asked what we want.
- RC School size of Broadford would suggest a single storey, but we need to meet energy targets and a two storey may work better. School will be fully consulted on this.
- SMcP To what extent do you consult on final design and what are the timescales?
- RC- Consultation is ongoing throughout the project with Stakeholder Group, School and Community Group. Key stage now is design of project.
- AP User groups are also consulted along with Facilities,
 Catering and Cleaning staff. Different levels of consultation.
- SMcP Can the community not design their part of the build until the school design is complete? When will final delivery of the school be?
- RC Feasibility Report will be complete this side of Christmas
- SMcP will receive a footprint plan and access plan to the building/site before Christmas?
- RC Yes.

 Design Group Meeting was held on 16.11.21. No date set for next meeting but suggested it should be after the community group have had time to go over the updated floor plans from CK. 		
• AOCB		
 RC – Important to proceed with jigsaw funding applications and secure Project Officer for the community group. HC will support the group in gathering information in the short term. SMcP – Funding for the school and community required? RC- School is fully funded. Will support community group in applying for funding until Project Officer in place GB – Available to assist with funding – questions, information but not able to be on subgroup. 		
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Wednesday 19 th January 2022 – 4pm via Teams Link		