

MINUTES OF MEETING

DUNVEGAN PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER MEETING - 23

11 June 2025 at 4.15pm Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	<p><u>Parent Council Representatives</u></p> <p><u>Highland Councillor</u> John Finlayson Drew Millar</p> <p><u>Community Representatives</u> John Laing, Dunvegan Community Council Mali MacLennan, Dunvegan Trust Tim Wallis, Dunvegan Community Council</p> <p><u>Highland Council Officials</u> Robert Campbell, Service Lead, Capital Planning & Estate Strategy Laura Burns, Project Manager Dorothy Gibb, Estate Team Leader Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator Catherine Matheson, Dunvegan Primary School/Show Committee</p> <p><u>External Officials</u> James Swinnerton, LSHA Helen Brown Kate Forbes MSP Caseworker</p>	<p>JF DM</p> <p>JL MMcL TW</p> <p>RC</p> <p>LB DG MMcD JMR CM</p> <p>JS HB</p>
Apologies:	<p>Samatha Muir Maressa Munro Ryan Sutherland</p>	

1.	Welcome & Apologies	Action
	<p>Apologies as above. No matters arising. Minutes approved by Tim – Seconded by Laura.</p>	
2.	Enabling Works/LSHA Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS – Shared some recent pictures of the works and explained the outstanding works. Still waiting on Scottish Water reconnection after route diversion, some concreting works, turfing, seeding, road signage and completion of fencing to be finished off. Aiming to have all Enabling Works completed for early to mid-July. • JF – All very positive and the works have made a significant improvement to the area. Is there any update on the SSEN connection and when house building will commence? • JS- SSEN are indicating 2027/2028 for connection so we need to factor this in for when houses are started and keep this in mind when we start procurement. 	
3.	Highland Council Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB- Dunvegan has a different Planning Application route from Broadford. Submission was made on 2 May to meet the remaining conditions of the master plan and Planning have acknowledged receipt of the submission. Three Planning items needed further information, and RS submitted the information to the Planning Portal 2 May. Now await decision from Planning. Regular design meetings are held and it's the same design team as for Broadford with same external consultants. Everything progressing well and on target. • DG- Land acquisition is still ongoing and await outcome from Land Court. Wait for Land Court response is not delaying the school build project but may be impacting the Community group in progressing the pitch. We must be patient until the legal side is concluded. • JF – Recent Social Media articles raised some questions in the community, but we are all on the same trajectory and trying to get the same outcome. • MMcL – have not heard anything locally recently. Trust met with local stakeholders for the community pitch and all in agreement until the land acquisition is concluded, we can't do anything else. I presume there will be a hearing by the Land Court soon. • DG – I believe it will be a procedural hearing so it's not a decision-making meeting. I think it's a hearing to determine how things are to progress between Dunvegan Estates solicitors and the local crofter's solicitor. The Council has taken a step back from this as it is between Dunvegan Estate and the tenant crofter. • JF – JS, have you any updates on the legal issues? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS – not had any updates and any discussions with the local crofter have all been related to access to existing land at the top end of the site. This has all been resolved and not aware of any dissatisfaction. • JF – RC can you give us an update on the Procurement process? • RC – Tenders have been received for Broadford Primary and a new Commissioning Board has been set up to scrutinise the tenders and agree the procurement routes for these projects. Hope to get news of contractor appointment very soon. <p>Robert shared the timeline of works presented at March Committee. Aiming to start Broadford in August/September 2025 with Dunvegan following approximately six months later and hopefully using the same contractor for both builds.</p> <p>Will be in a position before the summer holidays to give a procurement update and firm up the planned construction timeline.</p>	
4.	Dunvegan Trust/Community Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMcL – No major updates since last meeting but have had a community meeting with interested user groups to formally decide on the pitch surface. <p>There were some concerns expressed about the environmental impact of an artificial pitch, but after speaking to Shetland Council who is just about to install an all-weather pitch using an organic infill, we may pursue this similar option.</p> <p>Shetland Council have given us some advice on this and will keep in contact with them as they progress their project.</p> <p>JF – That is good news, and consensus is the group know what they are aiming to deliver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMcL – Yes. It's important to try and mitigate as many of the environmental issues as possible, especially given the proximity of a water course on the site. • DG – Interested to hear more on the organic infill and how it performs. Have you considered the sports that will be played on the pitch. • MMcL- The most local support is obviously for football, but we've had a rep from Skye Rugby at the recent meeting. We do want to design a pitch that's suitable and strong enough to withstand rugby. Have been advised the organic infill with the 3G surface is suitable for rugby and football and should also suit shinty. <p>JL – Community are delighted with the works that have been delivered. A question that has been asked in the community is whether the new school will have solar panels?</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG -There is a statement out that all new builds in Highland Council will have solar panels on it. However, Dunvegan will be Passivhaus Design and have low energy consumption. Infrastructure is not currently in place to put the excess power created by solar panels back into the grid. We may make provision for panels for the future. • LB - Planning have asked for details of any potential solar panels as it's part of the process and has Dorothy has stated, it's not a given decision to install them. We've also got a net zero consultant on the consultant side and they're giving us advice on it as well. But indications are that we may put infrastructure in for the future. 	
5.	Sport Scotland Update – No update	
6.	AOCB	
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7.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 September 2025 4.15pm Via Microsoft Teams 	