

Broadford Primary (New School) stakeholder group

Minutes – meeting 18, Microsoft Teams, 13 Nov 2024, 3pm

Attendees	Initials
Highland Councillor	
John Finlayson	JF
Drew Millar	DM
Ruraidh Stewart	RS
Stakeholders	
Hamish Fraser, Broadford & Strath Community Council	HF
Shirley Grant, South Skye Community Campus	SG
Nicholas Kelly, South Skye Community Campus	NK
David O'Donnell, Broadford & Strath Community Council	DO
Melissa MacLeod, Parent Council	MML
Highland Council Officials	
Laura Burns, Project Manager	LB
Robert Campbell, Service Lead	RC
Julie Corcoran, HLH, Head of Libraries	JC
Dorothy Gibb, Team Leader, Estates	DG
Stirling McKellar, HLH, Operations Manager	SMK
Iain Robertson, Principal Project Manager	IR
External	
John Gilbertson, Broadford Village Hall	JG
Catriona Lates, Broadford Village Hall	CL
School Pupils	
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Apologies	
Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-ordinator	
Ronan Martin, Parent Council	
Clr Calum Munro	

Item	Discussion and comment	Action
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above. • Round screen introductions were made. • No matters arising. • Proposed – LB Seconded – HF. 	

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2.	<p>Highland Council update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC - Hand over date of October 2026 is estimated, and with project being LEIP2 funded it will require extension from Scottish Government. LEIP 2 Projects are to be completed by December 2025. We have been keeping Scottish Futures Trust (Scottish Government Funding body) updated throughout with the timings of delivery of this project. • DG – Continue to work with our inhouse Design Team. • LB – Initial enquiry to contractors has been issued through Public Contracts Scotland website with a return date of 27 Nov. The Design Team will review submissions and draw up a short list of contractors to proceed to tender process. First stage tender is due to go out mid-January 2025 and our consultants are working on pulling the tender package together for this date. Making good progress with the procurement process. • IR – Continuing with the planning process and application is still to be determined. Transport planning requested some further details, and this has been submitted for review, as has further information to SEPA. Soil Management Strategy is being worked on as to where excess soil may relocate off-site. The Design Team finalising drawings ready for Building Warrant submission in the new year. • JF – Have Community groups been approached for soil disposal from site, if they can make use of excess soil. • IR – Yes, local discussions have started with community groups. • DG – Our on-site soil type will determine location of any off-site disposal. • JF – Has archaeological assessments been done or ongoing? • DG – Concluded and all done, and no follow on required. • RC – Just to reiterate from last meeting, there is scope to bundle Dunvegan and Broadford new schools together to make it more attractive to contractors. Aim to get both projects going as close together as possible. • JF – When tender package goes out to test the market, is it just for Broadford? • RC – It's expressions of interest that will be sought first but when tender packages go out, it may be for both schools. • DG – Dunvegan Project is mentioned on Public Contract Scotland within the Broadford notice. • HF – Timing of project has slipped and don't want to let it slip any further. • JF – Broadford funding is secure, and project will be delivered. However, there may be savings to be made if both projects are built at the same time. • RS – There is concern the project has slipped, dates and deadlines have passed or been pushed back and there is no confirmed date of when the new build will happen. There have been numerous meetings over the years regarding the fabric of the school and the condition of the rooms. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF – Noted that Cllr Stewart is relatively new to this project, however, the community know how important a new school is for Broadford and that is a priority with the Highland Council. There is continuous and regular engagement with the community and Stakeholders, and this is a positive project and will continue to be positive in the community. • RS – Noted that Cllr Finlayson’s comment is utter nonsense. Target dates have been passed and pupils still must endure a school that has flaking asbestos. • RC – This issue was raised by Cllr Stewart/RS at last week’s Property & Housing Committee and Finlay MacDonald, Chief Officer for Housing & Property, is preparing a response to you on the asbestos management for Broadford Primary School. • DM – Noted that it is disappointing that Cllr Stewart is attacking Council Officers when he has been elected to support the Skye & Lochalsh Community. HF and I have worked for several years in trying to get a new school for Broadford and for Dunvegan. We all need to work together and be supportive. • DG – We are continuing to work with in-house Design Team and Head Teacher to develop the school layout. Education’s first Transition Meeting has taken place. These meetings will cover education items including school transport, ICT, Safer Routes to School, staffing, internal accommodation, etc. JF – Link to walk-through video has been shared. IR – Video to be amended to include Service Point & Library areas. DG – As soon as updated video is ready; this will be shared with the group. • JF – Want to thank all officers for their input. There have been challenges faced but moving forward, this project will happen. 	
3.	<p>POD – Point of Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF - This is a project included in the Council’s Highland Investment Plan. Broadford Project will already be delivering a POD – this pilot POD will deliver a new school, Service Point and Library, and Community facilities all on one site. Will be the model used for future new schools in Highland. 	
4.	<p>Community update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not successful with Island Fund but waiting to hear back from Sport Scotland application. • SSEN funding application to be submitted at end of this month. • Scottish Regeneration Fund is another option and have spoken to Angus MacDonald, MP, who is looking into SFA funding options. • Planning for the Astro pitch ongoing and awaiting decision. • Working on the tender process for the Astro. • In process of transferring the village hall over to the South Skye Community Campus. Community meeting to be held to determine support for the transfer. • JF – CEX of Sport Scotland has been invited to Skye. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK – We have applied to the Sport Scotland Facilities Fund for £250k • JF – Once your match funding is in place, will make stronger case for other funding applications. • SG – Second tender received for sports pitch works and has come in at better cost than the other quote. 	
5.	AOCB :-	
6.	Date of next meeting Wednesday 22 January 2025 – 3pm Via Teams	