

Broadford Primary (New School) stakeholder group

Minutes – meeting 16, Microsoft Teams, 23 May 2024, 3pm

Attendees	Initials
Highland Councillor	
John Finlayson	JF
Stakeholders	
Stephen Atkins, Head Teacher	SA
Hamish Fraser, Broadford & Strath Community Council	HF
Shirley Grant, South Skye Community Campus	SG
Nicholas Kelly, South Skye Community Campus	NK
Ronan Martin, Parent Council	RM
David O'Donnell, Broadford & Strath Community Council	DO
Highland Council Officials	
Laura Burns, Project Manager	LB
Julie Corcoran, HLH Libraries	JC
Dorothy Gibb, Principal Estates Officer	DG
Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager	MMD
Stirling McKellar, Operations Manager, Customer and Registration Services	SMK
Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-ordinator	JMR
Ryan Sutherland, Senior Architectural Technician	RS
External	
James Swinnerton, LSHA	JS
Lesley Kirkwood, LSHA Solicitor	LK
School Pupils	
Evie Bentall	EB
Charis Boyle	CB
Liam Robertson	LR
Indy Smith	IS
Apologies	
Robert Campbell- Estate Strategy Manager	
Willie MacKinnon- Ward Manager	
Melissa MacLeod Parent Council	
Drew Millar – Cllr	
Calum Munro – Cllr	

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1.	<p>1.Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above. Stephen Atkins introduced the Community Champions who will be the pupil representative at the Stakeholder Meetings. 	
2.	<p>Minutes approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by SG and seconded by LB. 	
3.	<p>Public Consultation Event – 18.04.24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event was well attended by community and was positively received. School staff and pupils attended and were very enthusiastic of the project asking questions. All positive comments received. Local media coverage of the event was positively reported. JF – Can the feedback comments be shared with the group when minutes are circulated. JF – Were there any concerns raised at the feedback session? DG – No concerns. There was a follow up discussion with a neighbour to the project, from the first meeting last February regarding flooding potential. This has been addressed through a Flood Risk Assessment and drainage design. <p>Comments from both public events will be submitted with the Planning Application.</p>	JMR
4.	<p>Highland Council update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG gave the pupil representatives a brief description of how the Stakeholder Group operates and where information from the meetings can be found. JF – Any indication when Planning Application will be submitted? DG – RS is our Design Architect and working on finalising the last documents for the submission. Not too far behind – a couple of weeks. RS – Co-ordinating final designs with landscape architects and drainage. Collating required reports ready for submission in two weeks. JF – Will the Community element of the project be submitted to Planning at the same time? DG – No. To keep things simple, there are no changes to our boundary areas. We will be applying to Planning for the area outlined in red only on the plans. We have included the Community area in our drainage design and for any site investigation works - soil samples, peat investigation etc. DG - Feedback from all our user groups and collation of information for the next stage – room data sheets, nursery, library, and catering requirements. IS – Would the peat need to be relocated from site and could this delay the project? DG – Knew ahead of time that peat was on the site. Working with SSCC to find local sites close by that could be restored. Could be a school project to monitor the peat journey. The ground 	

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	investigation team will advise how much peat we might need to move. It won't delay the project.	
5.	<p>Community update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After last meeting Rory & Shirley met with Dorothy and Ryan to discuss the revised site layout and peat and drainage issues. SSCC and Sleat and Strath FC committees held a joint meeting where Rory agreed to put together an options appraisal, including an option for replacing the grass pitch with astro. Sleat and Strath FC subsequently agreed that going forward with a full size astro pitch being the best option. Shirley, Rory, and Nicholas met with David Dickenson of Sports Lab who recommended putting astro over the grass pitch was the best option. David provided a costing for this work which would be in the region of £1million. A final proposal showing the options has been discussed with the football clubs, youth club, community council and a press release will be issued this week with further community consultation over the next month. It is proposed that the current MUGA is removed and SSCC leases the new school MUGA out of school hours and over the school holidays. As part of this lease SSCC will ensure that the school MUGA is cleaned daily and ready for school use. SG has been re-visiting the Lease and Gym Management agreement which both require changes due to the site changes and the removal of the MUGA. SSCC are meeting LSHA for a general catch up on land in the area. SSCC received notification from "The £150m Community Ownership Fund (COF) exists to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets at risk of closure. Round 4 Window 2 is the final chance to apply for the fund. The final application window will open on 30 May 2024 and will close on 26 June. No further applications can be submitted to the fund after this date." An Expression of Interest will be submitted. The coming election may impact on this. The SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund declined SSCC bid for £80k towards the new floodlights. After the community consultation meeting for the workers camp on Tuesday this week SSE have asked SSCC to send them the details of the above bid. SSCC suggested to SSE that any recreational facilities created for the workers camp should be open to the wider community and left as a legacy when they vacate the site. IS & ER – Plastic impact of the AWP – is there something more environmentally friendly available? DG – A very good point. The AWP can be used year-round compared to a grass pitch. The fill material for the AWP is normally recycled tyres and pass regulations. Trying to develop AWP in a more sustainable way. SG – Drains are located round the pitch which will capture any of the surface beads. JF – Concern raised by IS is well known. Companies will be looking at alternative to the tyre chippings. Certainly, the amount of 	

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	<p>road miles people are doing at present to get to sports facilities is not helping our carbon footprint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NK- Sportslab have a trial on a site with six pitches. Each pitch has a different eco friendly covering and is being monitored for suitability. Rugby Club in Inverness have brushes coming off their pitches that retain the beads. We could incorporate boards round the pitch to retain surface and walkway cattlegirds. JF – Sport Scotland needs to be approached again. Contact Forbes Dunlop who is the current CEX. Either a Teams call or in person visit to Skye. <p>Suggest SSCC email JF to make initial contact.</p> <p>Latest set of plans are the right set of plans going forward.</p>	
6.	<p>Existing school site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF – Angus MacPhie made contact re Lime Park access for the new housing site on the existing school area. JS – Nothing has been formalised or moved on regarding this. Needs to be picked up again between LSHA & THC. From the Masterplan, it looks as though access comes through Lime Park. JF – Discussions will need to take place to determine final use – it's currently a blank canvas and has a variety of options. JS – Two housing projects already in the five-year plan and not decided if the old school site will be an additional one. JF – Funding from the SG has decreased so will need to see what is available. DG – Is there allowance in future LSHA developments to link in through ground at the back of the school? LK – The ground is Black Park croft ground – not in LSHA ownership or being looked at by association. <p>The school garden would need to be reconfigured to allow road construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF – suggest communication with Alan MacGuire, RC, DG & LSHA regarding the old school site options and accesses. SG – SSCC and school would want to retain the nature garden if possible and not for a road going through it. DG – The land the new school is being built on is held with Housing now. The area we are vacating is far smaller than what we are going to. JF – This was sorted by JS's predecessor. 	
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF – JC are you happy with progress? JC – yes, been kept up to date, received drafts of design and specifications and will be approaching design team shortly. JC – Assuming all ok with the Service Point progress? DG – We know the number of staff, hours of operation and where everyone will be located. 	

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8.	Date of next meeting Wednesday 11 September 2024 – 3pm Via Teams	