

Minutes of Meeting 18
Dunvegan Primary Stakeholder Group
5 June 2024 at 4:15pm
Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Initials
Parent Council Representatives	
Anna Campbell	AC
Highland Councillor	
John Finlayson	JF
Drew Millar	DM
Community Representatives	
John Laing – Dunvegan Community Council	JL
Mali MacLennan – Dunvegan Trust	MMacL
Catherine Matheson – Dunvegan Show Committee	CMk
Maressa Munro - NWSFC	MM
Tim Wallis- Dunvegan Community Council	TW
Highland Council Officials	
Robert Campbell, Estate Strategy Manager	RC
Dorothy Gibb, Principal Estates Officer	DG
Marion MacGregor, Class Teacher	MMacG
Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator	JMR
Samantha Muir, Head Teacher	SM
External Officials	
Ian Hall, Dualchas	IH
James Swinnerton, LSHA	JS
Apologies	
Finlay MacDonald, Head of Property & Facilities	
Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager	
Kenna MacInnes- Football Club	
Calum Munro, Councillor	
Ruaridh Stewart, Councillor	

Item	Discussion and comment	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	
	Apologies as above. Round screen introductions were made.	
2.	Highland Investment Plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF- Highland Council recently agreed and approved the Highland Investment Plan worth 2 billion pounds over the next twenty years. 1 billion pounds has been allocated to roads and schools over the next 10 years, in phase 1 of the program. Initial set of projects will be place based and this is what we have been aiming for at Dunvegan. Initial seed funding of £2.8m will create £50m of Capital to start the investment fund and ring fencing 2% of Council Tax each year, will generate capital to maintain the funding plan. Funding will be agreed each year as part of the budget setting process. This will allow for many schools to be upgraded or built and hopeful that those schools knocked back in the Capital Program, are now looking closer to being upgraded or built. Dunvegan is in a good position with much of the preparatory work already done. Remembering that Dunvegan School came under the Masterplan of also building new houses and formation of community sports pitch. 	
3.	Enabling works update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF – Recap of works and where we are with timescales. Before school and new housing can be started, a new access road is required. Land acquisition is moving forward. JS – Tender package for the enabling works was sent out to 13 contractors. From the 13, 4 returned an expression of interest. Tender returns received a week ago and our consultants are working through the information received to ensure the contractors are qualified to carry out the works. Tenders still being evaluated but hope to have final tender within the next week to share with partners of the project and to agree a funding strategy for the works. RC – Partnership arrangement in terms of funding and keen to move this forward. JL – Will the Dunvegan Show be able to access the school this year? JS – If enabling works go ahead, the show will not be able to go ahead on this site. Will have a better idea in the next week. CM – It would be very helpful to get a decision within the next 7-10 days. JS – we have contractor meetings this week and can ask timescale of works. SM – Painting works will be done during the week and not at weekends. Everything would be cleared away and shouldn't affect the use of the school for the show. JF – RC & JS to confirm with CM if enabling works are going ahead this year. JL – Would really need a final decision very soon to get things confirmed for the show. 	RC/JS

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF – Response by 14th June • SM – one of the most important improvements in the interim, is to extend our school car parking area. Hope that any enabling works would include this extended carpark for the school. • JF – The area where the demountable was? Get some hardcore down to create an additional car parking area? If enabling works are not going ahead this year, can we get some materials in here to get this done? • DG – yes, can take this forward. • RC – School design remains the same and although Dunvegan is slightly behind Broadford project after being paused, it won't take much to bring Dunvegan back up level with Broadford project. It is hoped to have Broadford started with Dunvegan following on. • DG – Confident we can get Dunvegan project up to speed. Broadford room data sheets are complete and can be lifted and tweaked for Dunvegan. • IH – Road Construction Consent are requesting street names – two cul de sac names and main road going up to the school. • SM – Pupils are going to suggest names, another day is required to discuss with pupils. • DG – Nice to give the school pupils the opportunity to do this. 	DG/JMR
4.	Highland Council update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMR – Met with SM on site and have come up with a list of priority works for over the summer. Installation of 5 new Clevertouch Panels during the Easter holidays which has made a huge difference for pupils and staff. Planned summer works by the Maintenance Officer are a new section of security fencing at school entrance. This will improve security and keep visitors and pupils separate. Intercom and CCTV are already in place. Internal decoration to the main corridor, office, and staff room. Address any repairs/maintenance to floor coverings in the school. Small area of fencing in wild garden round the SSE pole. Volunteer from Dunvegan Castle Gardens has been to school to assist pupils with planting for the wet area between the two demountables. • RC – need to monitor maintenance in these schools until any new builds are complete. Will continue to liaise with Head Teachers to ensure buildings are kept wind, watertight and in good order. 	
5.	LSHA update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in point 3 	
6.	Community update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM – nothing has been moved forward since the stakeholder meetings were paused. • MMaL – It was difficult to proceed with any pitch progress after the project was pulled. Had a meeting with Sarah from Sport Scotland. Discussed how to get costs for the pitch and she is to send links for people who can carry out feasibility studies and costs involved in forming the pitch. 	

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	<p>Sarah did ask for a document possibly called Strategic Framework for Investment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF – Sport Strategy has been agreed at Committee with CEX of Sport Scotland. • DG – I can share other entities that can assist with feasibility. • JF – Will share the Highland Council Sport Strategy paper with the group. • MMaL – Dunvegan Trust successful in purchasing the Gaeltech Buildings at Lonemore with funding from the Land Fund. Plan is to have some commercial spaces for rent, multi-use community workshops, small community gym, childcare facility are all proposed. Want to ensure what we propose, compliments the facilities at the school and sports facility. • SM – Local Police Office in Dunvegan is in poor state and been condemned. Looking at accommodating the Police within our existing building but something to consider for the new build and any community buildings. • RC – In the Broadford layout, we have allowed a meeting room at the main entrance which is secure. We could accommodate co-location in the Dunvegan plan. 	DG DG JMR
7.	AOCB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL – Delighted to see this project back on track. It's a great boost for the community and thank you to all those involved. 	
8.	Date of next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 4 September 2024 - 4.15pm Via Microsoft Teams 	