

## Broadford Primary (New School) Stakeholder Group

**Minutes – Meeting 24, Microsoft Teams, 14 Jan 2026, 3pm**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b><u>Highland Councillor</u></b>                  John Finlayson                  Chrissie Gillies                  Drew Millar</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholders</u></b>                  Hamish Fraser, Community Council                  Ronan Martin, Parent Council                  Melissa MacLeod, Parent Council                  David O'Donnell, Community Council</p> <p><b><u>Highland Council Officials</u></b>                  Laura Burns, Project Manager                  Robert Campbell, Service Lead (Capital Planning &amp; Estate Strategy)                  Julie Corcoran, Head of Libraries                  Dorothy Gibb, Estates Team Leader                  Mhairi MacDonald, Education Quality Improvement Manager                  Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator                  Iain Robertson, Principal Project Manager                  Jane Ross, Service Lead, Housing Policy &amp; Performance</p> <p><b><u>External</u></b>                  David Cameron, Office of Kate Forbes MSP                  Ian MacDonald, Morgan Sindall                  Darren Douglas, Morgan Sindall                  James Swinnerton, Development Manager, LSHA</p> <p><b><u>Pupil Representatives</u></b>                  -</p>	<p>JF CG DM</p> <p>HF RM MM DO'D</p> <p>LB RC</p> <p>JC DG MM</p> <p>JMR IR JR</p> <p>DC IM DD JS</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Shirley Grant Nicholas Kelly	

<p><b><u>1.WELCOME / APOLOGIES/MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  <b><u>Apologies – As above</u></b>  <b><u>Introductions:</u></b> Round screen introductions were made due to new Stakeholder members.                  Mr Ian MacDonald and Mr Darren Douglas from Morgan Sindall were welcomed to the meeting and introduced to the group.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
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**Approval of Minutes: –**

**2.HIGHLAND COUNCIL UPDATE**

**RC-** The Project is now in construction phase and representatives from Morgan Sindall are at the meeting today and will attend all future Stakeholder meetings. Morgan Sindall have commenced some preliminary site work with scrub clearance in December and initial site set up.

Next phase of works will be to re-route SSEN & SW cabling/ducting. The SSEN works have been delayed due to recent weather but are due to start next week. With works put back a week, the SSEN programme has taken us into March for completion of their works and then from March, April onwards Morgan Sindall will start the school build.

As previously advised, the build is a 15-month duration. Once all utility re-routes are complete, will be able to firm up completion date.

We are now into the construction phase with some contract documents still to complete with Morgan Sindall to conclude formal contract award.

**DG –** Continue to have regular meetings with Design Team and Morgan Sindall. Have contacted Shirley Grant at the SCIO as potentially both projects could be starting at the same time/ overlapping and need to co-ordinate works.

**RC-** Still working through some preconstruction planning conditions and working to conclude them to satisfy Planning, and first and second Building Warrant Stages have been approved.

**IR-** Continuing to purify the preconstruction conditions as Robert mentioned. The Road Safety audit was completed to address Transport Planning conditions and the Design Team met earlier this week with the School Transport Team to clarify bus routes and types of vehicles used on the route.

**JF –** Just for clarification, none of the above will affect works programme?

**IR –** No, we just need to send details back to Planning to satisfy the conditions.

**IM –** Our Morgan Sindall team is in place and ready to go. Darren along with Alex and Iain, will be on site daily.

We are currently working through the SSE works and liaising with them to identify where their cables are so they can then sign off for the works.

We have been in touch with LSHA regarding the location of our temporary welfare unit. Although it is on the Highland Council site, we require access over LSHA ground, and this has been agreed.

We distributed letters to all the neighbouring properties, including the school, to let them know who we are and when we're starting.

Contact numbers have been provided should there be any issues. We are just looking forward to getting started.

**JF –** Have you got accommodation sorted for your workforce and it would be good to liaise with the pupils and staff at the school on a regular basis.

**IM-** It's something we take very seriously trying to give youngsters an opportunity to see the different types of disciplines involved in construction it's not all about joiners and brickies important as they are.

There are other opportunities for all people, so we focus on that to try and make sure

<p>they all get the chance to understand the opportunities that are there for them. We will fully engage with the school and the community while we're there and do our best to fully integrate for the 15 months.</p> <p>Representatives from Morgan Sindall have already been in to the school to speak to the HT and pupils and this will continue throughout the project.</p> <p>Accommodation has been identified locally and just waiting to firm this up.</p> <p>Our preference is to try and use as many local island contractors as possible but in some areas, we can be limited and need to use contractors further afield. I would estimate 80% of the workforce will be from the Highland area.</p> <p><b>D'OD</b> - Do you have a proposed start date for construction of the school itself?</p> <p><b>RC-</b> It will depend on the SSEN works which are scheduled to be a 10-week period for them to complete, which takes us well into March. We were looking for a contract award around the end of February with a four-week mobilisation which would be March to early April subject to SSEN completion.</p> <p><b>IM</b> – That is the timescale we are working to.</p> <p><b>JF</b> – Although no bricks and mortar on site, construction activities have begun with the works that need to be done before we get to the bricks and mortar stage.</p> <p><b>JF</b> – Is Kate Forbes still available for 13<sup>th</sup> February site visit? Need to work with our own Corporate Comms Team, school and pupils etc... to organise turf cutting.</p> <p><b>DC</b> – Kate has Friday 13<sup>th</sup> pencilled in for visit.</p>	
<p><b><u>3. COMMUNITY UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><b>D O'D-</b> Sportslab has been appointed to help with the whole pitch process — from the contractor tender process to the building warrant and managing the contractor. Have had discussions with Sportlab about the different surface crumbs material and they have recommended we use standard plastic crumbs and look at changing it in the future when environmentally friendly crumbs have been further tested.</p> <p>Shirley and Nicholas are meeting with David Dickinson from Sportslab this afternoon on site to discuss programme of works.</p> <p>We confirm funding of £327,393 from the Island Programme and this completes the funding package and allows us to start the all-weather pitch development.</p> <p>We are looking into revenue funding for a campus development manager and have applied to the SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund. But this fund looks like it could be very oversubscribed. We've agreed a job description for a three days per week role to be based at Broadford Village Hall. Would like to thank the Highland Council for all their support in this project.</p> <p>There has been no recent contact in terms of concluding the Deed of Servitude for access at the village hall to upper car park area, but the Head of Terms for the lease is now with solicitors and Sleat &amp; Strath AFC have a draft minute agreement from their solicitors to be shared imminently with SCIO.</p> <p><b>JF</b> – South Skye Campus must be congratulated on all that they have achieved with funding packages. Well done to everyone involved.</p> <p><b>RC</b> – To follow on from David and the different types of surface crumb, it's rubber that is widely used but there are known issues of crumb getting into water systems. A couple of other products that have been trialled recently, one in Shetland or Orkney and one in St. Andrews. We are working with Sports Scotland and the SFA</p>	RC

<p>on this and always good to see somebody else trying something first before we try it. So maybe we see how successful these new surface crumbs are and can let David know and set up a call to see how well it's performing.</p> <p><b>JF –</b> IM, would be good for Morgan Sindall to liaise with the Community Group as there could be some crossover works.</p> <p><b>IM –</b> Yes, good to work in collaboration and will contact the group.</p>	
<p><b><u>5. AOCB</u></b></p> <p><b>MML-</b> A lot of pupils use the path from the houses down round the pitch as a safe route to get to and from the school. Many just walk it themselves as well. What kind of measures will be in place for access while construction is going on?</p> <p><b>IR –</b> Planning states we must maintain that route through the course of the construction work. We are having to divert it around the site compound and will probably come out in the gap in Suisinish Place.</p> <p>Once the condition is approved from Planning, will share a drawing of the route with the school and parents.</p> <p><b>MMD-</b> We had a meeting, unfortunately, without Stephen on Monday, but he gave an update that he is really pleased at how everything's progressing. I know Stephen really appreciates the ongoing contact with Morgan Sindall and just all very excited that all starting soon.</p> <p><b>DG -</b> The School Travel Plan has been issued in draft and that's the plan that will remain active during construction. Any updates will be done jointly by pupils, staff and others.</p> <p>Circulate the fly through video to group.</p>	<p>IR</p> <p>JMR</p>
<p><b><u>6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 18 March 2026 – 3pm Via Teams.</u></b></p>	