

MINUTES OF MEETING

DUNVEGAN PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER MEETING - 26

21 Jan 2026 at 4.15pm Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	<p><u>Parent Council Representative</u></p> <p><u>Highland Councillor</u> John Finlayson Chrissie Gillies</p> <p><u>Community Representatives</u> John Laing, Community Council</p> <p><u>Highland Council Officials</u> Robert Campbell, Service Lead, Capital Planning & Estate Strategy Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator Catherine Matheson, Dunvegan Primary School/Show Committee Ryan Sutherland, Senior Architectural Technician</p> <p><u>External Officials</u> Helen Brown Kate Forbes MSP Caseworker James Swinnerton, LSHA</p>	JF CG JL RC MMcD JMR CM RS HB JS
Apologies:	Anna Campbell Dorothy Gibb Mali MacLennan Drew Millar	

1.	Welcome & Apologies	Action
	Minutes approved by JL	
2.	Highland Council Update	
	<p>RC-Brief update on Broadford as the same contractor lined up. Broadford has moved to the construction stage with Morgan Sindall carrying out enabling works with SSEN to re-route the main power cable. SSEN are still to confirm the timescale of the cable diversion and then ground works will commence, with full start expected in March/early April. Finalising the contract figure with them and looking to conclude that early March. As previously mentioned, Dunvegan would be roughly 6 months following on from Broadford start, but hoping this can be improved. Morgan Sindall will be invited to the next Stakeholder Meeting and will provide a more detailed programme schedule and community benefits. Based on a six month start after Broadford, looking at starting around September, October this year with a 15 month build period which would take us to the end of December 2027. Possibly looking at an earlier start through an enabling work package. There is rock to be removed from a corner of the new site, and this is something that we will look at getting started during October holiday period. These two weeks would be a good opportunity to get some of it done and would help to mitigate the impact on the school and neighbouring properties. Design Team to work on the feasibility of removing rock early.</p> <p>JMR -Neighbouring property have been in contact asking for a start date as they run a self-catering business and what impact the works could have on their business.</p> <p>RC- Once we have the programme from Morgan Sindall, can share with neighbours. Morgan Sindall is very good at communicating with neighbouring sites.</p> <p>Lastly, ironing out the Transport Planning issues and MUGA queries and working to have these closed off to satisfy Planning</p> <p>JMR – Council and MacLeod Estate Solicitors have agreed the Disposition on the last piece of land acquisition. Documents currently being reviewed by MacLeod Estate and awaiting confirmation of signing.</p> <p>RC – This would release the ground for the Community to progress the pitch and allow funding options to be investigated.</p> <p>JL – Is this the last land transaction to be completed, the area for the community pitch?</p> <p>RC- This is the last area to be concluded.</p> <p>JL – Very positive news and I’m sure the local groups will be delighted with this. Thank you to all involved in getting to this point.</p> <p>JF – Mali is not on the call today but JL, if you can update her on the legal outcome.</p>	<p>RS/LB</p> <p>RC/LB</p>

	<p>Mali should get in touch with Local Members regarding the Community Regeneration Fund and contact South Skye Campus to discuss funding opportunities.</p> <p>JL – Will the excess spoil get moved and used for the pitch?</p> <p>RC -Will use some of it on our own site set up and liaise with LSHA on other locations. James can update further.</p> <p>JS – Currently renewing Building Warrants that have lapsed and SSEN have confirmed there won't be such a delay now in electric connections.</p> <p>JF – Construction costs for housing have spiralled and no such thing as affordable housing anymore.</p> <p>JS – Costing twice the value to build – increase of 40/50% but on a positive note, there is interest from contractors in pricing.</p> <p>RC – May be opportunities with Morgan Sindall being on site.</p> <p>JF – What are the outstanding issues with Transport Planning?</p> <p>RS- Asked for further details on the 20mph zone which is sorted. Some concerns over vehicle/pedestrian separation and the need to reinstate a footpath from the Kilmuir link path to the school and design of the cycle shelter.</p> <p>Design Team are looking at all these queries but don't see any as an issue.</p> <p>JF – Just to re-iterate the importance of Dunvegan Trust contacting Broadford Group. Broadford have secured all their funding within 9 months and hope to finish their project at end of July.</p> <p>CG – Possibly good timing to approach funders as financial year end approaches. There could be last minute funds secured.</p> <p>JF – Funding opportunities from SSEN – will contact Allan McGuire</p> <p>JL – SSEN have engaged with Community Councils, met with them last November and due to meet again next month.</p>	JF
3.	Dunvegan Trust/Community Update	
	No update	
4.	AOCB	
	<p>CM – Can the Dunvegan Show be held at the school this year – Saturday 25 July.</p> <p>RC – Good to go with 25 July.</p> <p>JF – Would be good to have a display of the new school details at the Show</p>	
5.	Date of Next Meeting	
	25 March 2026 4.15pm Via Microsoft Teams	