

MINUTES OF MEETING

DUNVEGAN PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER MEETING - 29

24 June 2026 at 4.30pm Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	<u>Parent Council Representative</u>	
	<u>Highland Councillor</u>	
	John Finlayson	JF
	Chrissie Gillies	CG
	Drew Millar	DM
	<u>Community Representatives</u>	
	John Laing, Community Council	JL
	Mali MacLennan, Dunvegan Trust	MMcL
	Catherine Matheson, Dunvegan Show	CM
	<u>Highland Council Officials</u>	
	Laura Burns, Project Manager	LB
	Robert Campbell, Service Lead, Capital Planning & Estate Strategy	RC
	Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator	
	Samantha Muir, Head Teacher	JMR
	Ryan Sutherland, Senior Architectural Technician	SM
		RS
	<u>External Officials</u>	
Ian MacDonald, Morgan Sindall Construction	IM	
James Swinnerton, LSHA	JS	
Apologies:	Anna Campbell	
	Dorothy Gibb	
	Mhairi MacDonald	
	Philip Shannon	
	Tim Willis	

1.	Welcome & Apologies	Action
2.	Highland Council Update	
	- RC- Highland Investment Plan (HIP) paper going to Committee tomorrow outlining the program for the proposed new schools. For Dunvegan, proposed start date is late 2026 with completion early 2028. Contract Award is estimated to be around October 2026 so hopeful of works on site before Christmas. Build time is roughly 15 months so would take us to an Easter 2028 opening. Phase 2 of the project will be demolishing the existing school building and completing the landscaping towards October 2028. Will be able to update program dates at next meeting. Planning has been approved with several conditions that we are working through. - RS- Most of the conditions are pre-start of project such as wildlife/bat surveys, transport and traffic management plans. - JF – Committee paper reads “ <i>The design and contract documents are being finalised for the new build at Dunvegan Primary with construction due to start in late 2026 and be completed by early 2028. A new access road was completed in November 2025 as the first phase of the place-based masterplan developed in partnership with Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association that includes the development of adjacent land for housing, and provision of a site to allow the community to take forward funding applications for a new sports pitch.</i>” We are in a good position after lots of preparatory work. - JF – Contract Award is expected in October? - RC – PCSA agreements are now in place with Morgan Sindall and will follow a similar process as Broadford with work packages going out to tender. - JF – we have Ian from Morgan Sindall on the call so I’m sure there is regular communication with him and THC. - IM – Having weekly meetings to get the pre-construction programme finalised. However, with summer holidays, pricing returns can be delayed. - JF – During COVID there were issues with material supplies etc... is it a similar case now with everything that’s going on around the world?	

	IM – Steel seems to be an issue now – costs are high, but this shouldn't impact on Dunvegan build.	
3.	Dunvegan Trust/LSHA Update	
	<u>Dunvegan Trust Update</u> - MMcL– Have received site plan from JMR and sent on to our consultant to progress applications and survey works. Balfour Beattie is assisting with peat management plan. Would be good to know if pitch site can be accessed now for survey work. - JMR – There has been no further communication from Mr John MacLeods solicitor but will check with THC Legal team on position for access. <u>LSHA Update</u> - JS – Renewing Building Warrants just now but architectural side of things has been concluded, with Narros to complete engineering package. Once this is finalised, we can get employers agent submitted ready for tendering. Met with Helen Cameron in Housing earlier in the week and moving forward on the land transfer for the new houses. - JF – Do you have an estimated start date for the houses? - JS – Contractors don't normally like starting works going into winter so looking at March 2027. Will depend on getting drawings completed and tenders back. The enabling works have helped and several contractors expressing an interest in the housing works. <u>School Update</u> - SM – Regular meetings have taken place with Design Team, DMG & JMR and have discussed landscape plan. Made some changes and recommendations but all looking good and excited to see things starting.	JMR
4.	AOCB	
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5.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 16 September 2026 4.00pm Via Microsoft Teams	