

New Broadford School and Community Hub Working Group (NBS&CHWG)

(aka Broadford stakeholder group)

Minutes – meeting 11, Microsoft Teams, 25 January 2023, 4pm

Attendees	Initials
Highland Councillor	
John Finlayson	JF
Calum Munro	CM
Stakeholders	
Stephen Atkins, Head Teacher	SA
Gordon Bell Representing Kate Forbes MSP	GB
Anthony Davies	AD
Rory Flynn, Sleat and Strath FC	RF
Hamish Fraser, B & S Community Council	HF
Nicholas Kelly, BYC	NK
Norma Morrison, BSCC/PC	NM
Ben Yoxon, Sleat and Strath FC	BY
Sarah Yoxon, Shinty	SY
Highland Council Officials	
Robert Campbell, Estate Strategy Manager	RC
Dorothy Gibb, Principal Estates Officer	DG
Mhairi MacDonald, Area Education Manager	MM
Willie MacKinnon, Ward Manager	WM
Roddy MacLeod, HLH, Youth Development Officer	RM
Jenny MacRae, Estates Co-Ordinator	JMR
Carol McIntyre, Estates Co-Ordinator	CMcl
Alan Paul, Estates Officer	AP
Gordon Stewart, Education Advisor for Estates	GS
External Officials	
Phil McCaherty, HIE	PMcC
Anne Pophanken, LSHA	AP
James Swinnerton, LSHA	JS
Apologies	
Jennifer Bruce, Housing Manager	JB
Shirley Grant, BSCC	SG
Allan Gunn, ECO, Communities & Place	AG
Neil Hope, BSCC	NH
Angus MacPhie	AM
Doreen MacPhie	DM
Simon Swanson, HLH, Head of Investment Programme	SS

Abbreviations:

B&S Community Council – Broadford and Strath Community Council
 BSCC – Broadford and Strath Community Company
 BHC – Broadford Hall Committee
 BYC – Broadford Youth Club
 Cllr – Councillor, The Highland Council
 FC – Football Club
 HIE – Highlands and Islands Enterprise
 HLH – Highlife Highland
 LSHA – Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association
 MSP – Member of the Scottish Parliament
 NBS&CHWG – New Broadford School and Community Hub Working Group
 PC – Broadford Primary School Parent Council

Item	Discussion and comment	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies: As above • Round screen introductions made. 	
2.	<p>Minutes and actions from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public event to share plans – covered under Project and Design Update. • Visit to school by Shirley Anne Somerville took place. 	
3.	<p>Project and design update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC shared various plans with group. • Further discussions to be had with Head Teacher and school staff on layouts and Nursery. • Propose not to include a mechanical divider in the gym hall as they have proven unreliable in other settings. • Bleacher seating is incorporated in the plans, but separate funding will need to be sought for this equipment. • SA – Good to see plans and layout. Very positive moving forward. Further discussions needed on Nursery and access to outside space – concern at current location due to weather issues. Security and Child Protection looks far better. • NK – What is Plant Room? • RC – Ventilation room for heating system. • RF – Community access to changing rooms and hall, suggest double doors. • RC/AP – This was picked up with architects at an earlier meeting today and will be changed. • AD – Reference to the divider screen, not a huge demand for hall during the day but more use in the evenings will be more. • DG shared external plans with orientation of All Weather Pitch in correct position. Further discussions with SA to overcome Nursery outside play area weather issues. Introduce windbreaks, visual features to reduce exposure to the elements. Enquiries into ground at front of school site – possible use as overflow carpark depending on gradient. Planning may stipulate a pathway from the A87, near the Co-op, for community access. JF – Asset Transfer for the Public toilets – may be able to create a community pathway here. NM – suggest contacting Mark Crowe, Access Officer for further guidance. SA – Clarification on secure boundary perimeter of school would be helpful. DG – All Weather Pitch would be out with school secure boundary. Access gates can be incorporated into boundary fencing to allow controlled access to school grounds in morning and afternoon. HF – Why would school pupils be coming up from the A87? DG- Pathway is for community/public use. HF – It would make more sense to use the existing road access further along the road which has a pavement. 	

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	<p>DG – Planning will more than likely stipulate a public pathway. Will know more once Planning Permission is submitted.</p> <p>HF – Need to make sure we are not wasting money.</p> <p>RF – Ensure there are pathways connecting the All-Weather Pitch, Play Park, Muga and Pavilion.</p> <p>How will the Pavilion be delivered?</p> <p>NM – Recent funding meetings with RC and JMR. Collating information for Business Plan and funding applications.</p> <p>JMR – Shared details of Public Drop in Event 9 February 2023. Further details will be shared with the group.</p> <p>DG – helpful to get as many comments as possible back on these events.</p>	
4.	<p>Funders update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF – met with Mark Rodgers, ECO for Property and Housing, is keen to get involved with the project. • JF, MR and RC to meet and formally reply to email from HF. • RC – have a list of key funders to approach. Timescales for applications are variable. <p>GB – Will share any other funding opportunities with group as they arise.</p> <p>NK – We can't decide anything until we know what Sport Scotland will agree- Has any decisions been made with them?</p> <p>JF – Progress with your Business Plan and pulling the information together.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with Sport Scotland who continue to support projects for communities and additional community facilities.</p> <p>NK – Can members of the community group join you in your next meeting with Sport Scotland?</p> <p>JF – This is possible. Suggest waiting till RC and Mark Rodgers meet and then organise a further meeting with everyone.</p> <p>NM – Donna Manson suggested the All-Weather Pitch could be built before the school- is this possible?</p> <p>RC – It would be better to have all construction works done at the same time, better value for money and doing pitch first, could be costly.</p>	
5.	<p>Review of Capital Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC – delay in Scottish Government announcing the funding to Local Authorities but scheduled for some time in February. • Broadford has secured LEIP Phase 2 funding and delivery date of 2025 is still the aim. • JF- Until we know what success we have with LEIP 3 funding, projects on the Capital Programme may be impacted. • GB – Other local authorities are in a similar position. • HF – Will the Capital Programme have an impact on Broadford Project? • JF – Possibly. Broadford secured by LEIP 2 Funding but may still be impacted by the whole Capital programme. • 	
6.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HF wished to thank Steve McNeil from Sleat and Strath FC, who recently stood down from the club, for his contribution to the group. 	
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 29 March 2023 4pm – Microsoft Teams</p>	