



Brora and District Action Group - BaDAG
Brora's Development Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statement
For the year ended 30 April 2015

Charity Number – SC043968

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Chairman's Introduction

This is the second annual report of Brora and District Action Group (BaDAG) which has been set up to improve the social, economic and environmental aspects of Brora, Sutherland. Community consultation took place to establish priorities for development within Brora and its immediate surrounds.

BaDAG had 41 members at the start of the year and has grown this to 185 members by the end of the second year. It is hoped that this figure will increase as the local community becomes more aware of the projects being undertaken or proposed by BaDAG.

We have received £21,426 pounds through grants, donations and fundraising activities and have spent £18,285 on projects and fundraising. The majority of this activity has been in establishing Brora as the first free Wifi Zone in Sutherland. We hope that this will encourage people visiting or passing through the area, to stop and use our local shops and businesses. Other achievements during the year have been producing a monthly calendar of events and activities, operating a Facebook presence to communicate with the community and progressing the redevelopment of the railway station.

This has only been possible due to the voluntary work of my fellow trustees and board members and I would like to give them my personal thanks for their hard work and commitment and for all they have achieved this year.

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statement of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2015.

1. Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Brora and District Action Group (BaDAG)
Charity Registration number	SC043968

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The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows :

Andrew Bridges
Anne Sutherland
Chris Barker
David MacDonald
Ellen Sutherland Lindsay
Iain Sutherland (resigned February 2015)
Kathleen Cunningham
Kendra Ballantyne
Lee Bright
Lesley Graham
Nicola Morris
Robin Ward
Tony Gill
Robert Brown (co-opted)

Secretary Anne Sutherland

Independent Examiner Pat Ashe, FCCA

Bankers Bank of Scotland
Main Street
Golspie
KW10 6RA

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Brora and District Action Group was formally constituted on 23 April 2013, and registered with Office of the Scottish Charitable Register (OSCR).

Structure

Brora and District Action Group is non-profit making with charitable status.

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Legal Name

The legal name of the organisation is Brora and District Action Group, commonly known as BaDAG.

Management

The trustees positions are as follows :

Name	Position
Tony Gill	Chair
Anne Sutherland	Secretary
Robin Ward	Treasurer
Andrew Bridges	Station Steering Group, Facebook administrator
Chris Barker	Organiser member
David MacDonald	Organiser member
Ellen Sutherland Lindsay	Wifi and Website working group, business engagement
Iain Sutherland	Business engagement
Kathleen Cunningham	Riverbanks project, liaison with Brora Community Council
Kendra Ballantyne	Business engagement
Lee Bright	liaison with Brora Community Council
Lesley Graham	Facebook administrator
Nicola Morris	Organiser member
Robert Brown	Harbour pontoons project
Rhionna MacKay	Organiser member

Steering Groups during 2014/2015

Station – Andrew Bridges, Anne Sutherland, Nick Lindsay

Web site – Tony Gill, Robin Ward, Ellen Sutherland Lindsay, Lesley
Graham

Riverbanks – Kathleen Cunningham, Anne Sutherland

Wifi – Anne Sutherland, Tony Gill, Ellen Sutherland Lindsay, Robin Ward

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Business engagement – Kendra Ballantyne, Ellen Sutherland Lindsay

Coastal Erosion - Kathleen Cunningham, Anne Sutherland, Tony Gill

Facebook - Lesley Graham, Andrew Bridges, Tony Gill, Robin Ward,
Rhionna MacKay

3. Objectives and Activities

Brora and District Action Group is non-profit making and has charitable status. The purpose of BaDAG is to help improve quality of life in the village and district of Clyne. It seeks to ensure the community can influence developments which affect everyone.

BaDAG seeks sustainable economic and social development through community participation addressing a range of issues.

Our approach is to work in partnership to support and collaborate with groups already active in the community, and work in partnership with public agencies, charitable trusts, and others to identify funding to enable projects of benefit to the whole community to be delivered.

Details of significant activities that contribute to the achievement of the stated objectives

A Community Development Plan has been produced based on community consultation and feedback which took place during 2012-2013.

The Plan is a 3 year Plan from 2014 – 2016, this being the second full year of activities.

Projects relating to the priority themes identified in the programme are :

Project	Theme
Web development and Facebook page	Services and infrastructure
Wifi project	Services and infrastructure
Station building	Environment
Coastal erosion	Environment
Riverbanks	Environment
Local travel times information	Services and infrastructure
Business seminar	Employment and business development and support

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Highlights of the year

- Monthly production of Events Calendar
- Securing funding from Brora Community Council for a micro grant
- Successful stage one application to Railway Heritage Fund and Station Regeneration Fund
- Installation of central village wifi project
- Fundraising activity in 100 Club
- Increasing life membership of BaDAG to 185
- Securing funding for a website
- Membership of Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

4. Financial Review

BaDAG's unrestricted income remains limited, and is dependent on small fund-raising efforts during the year at various Fayres and activities in the village, and from the life memberships at £1 each.

The 100 Club is in its second year and provides welcome additional income.

The trustees consider it will take several years of operation to build up funds which can contribute to projects as match-funding.

In all, we raised £21,426 through grants, donations and fundraising and have spent £18,285 for specific projects and fundraising during 2014/2015.

5. Partnerships

We have built partnerships with key organisations and individuals during the past year of operation –

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| • Brora Community Council | Highland Council |
| • Councillor Deirdre MacKay | |
| • Highlands and Islands Enterprise | Business Gateway |
| • Forestry Commission | Scottish Natural Heritage |
| • Railway Heritage Trust | Scotrail |
| • Brora Harbour Users group | Highland Small Communities Housing Trust |

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This Report has been prepared and agreed by the trustees

Signed by order of the trustees

Anne Sutherland

Secretary

Date 14 June 2015
