

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m - Bernera Community Centre -

Present: Robin Budge (Chair), Cllr Angus Morrison, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Catriona Macleod, Madeleine Macaulay, Glynis Davis, Chrisetta Macleod, Michelle Amourdedieu, Janice Maciver (Clerk).
Robert Emmott (Director of Finance – Cnes)

Apologies: Calum Richings (Treasurer), Chrissie Macdonald, Neil James Macaulay. Andrea Rutherford and Donnie Morrison (HIE – Broadband update)

Guest speaker:

Mr Robert Emmott attended the meeting to update the attendees on the 2018/19 Cnes budget. Mr Emmott spoke about the background and summary of savings, including how the Cnes are prioritising overall services. Mr Emmott reassured the BCC there is no service cuts planned for Bernera.

The BCC thanks Mr Emmott for taking the time to attend the meeting with his comprehensive update.

Matters Arising:

Finance: No update. Amount of £9,527.45 carried over from previous meeting (incl. £8,000 ward priority funding)

Ward Priority Fund:

No change from the previous meeting.

- Email sent to Bernera Community Association on 18th November 2017 – A further reminder email is to be sent.

Sent to Ella Macaulay from BCA on Saturday 27/01/18

War memorial:

No change from the previous meeting.

- Economical Development Department (Cnes) have advised Robin to wait from Joan Macaulay to return to work in January. Robin to contact Kenny Macleod for assistance in application forms for funding – the next finding deadline is the end of March 2018.

Shoreline:

Ongoing

- Janice advertised free collection on the abandoned property at the two locations in Hacklete on buy/swap/sell sites. Where some of the abandoned property has been uplifted, there is still equipment that will need to be dealt with. The remaining equipment will be cleared in the spring.

Broadband:

Ongoing

- Donnie Morrison and Andrea Rutherford (HIE) were unable to attend the January BCC meeting with an update on the broadband situation.

A.O.B:

- Grit bins – Michelle to ascertain how many grit bins are needed. These bins are to be ordered from Murdo Macritchie at Cnes.
- Winter 2017/18 gritting issues. Both Councillors in attendance have advised that any roads which should have been gritted and have not must be reported to the Cnes. This can be done by phone or email. Photographs of the road conditions will also assist the Cnes with progressing complaints.
- Cllr Morrison once again invited the BCC to consider land that is owner occupied that can be required for HHP to build houses.
- The former Care Unit at Dun Innes was discussed as this no longer has any residents. Councillor Morrison stated he would establish what the proposals are for this building.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 28th January 2017 at 7:30pm