

**BERNERAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD BHEARNARAIGH**

**MINUTES
21st January 2019
at
Berneray Community Hall**

Present: Donald MacLean (Chair), Andrew Rodger (Vice), Pamela MacAskill (Treasurer), Ian Hoyle (Clerk), Cllr Roddy MacKay, 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Margaret Paterson, John MacLean, Mary McCormick, Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Cllr Iain MacLeod, Cllr Iain MacLeod.

1. Minutes read and approved.
2. Roddy MacKay to contact Donnie Morrison about the Broadband issues and EE phone coverage on Berneray.
3. We have had a spate of pinhole leaks in the cold-water pipes on Berneray. In the last 12 months there have been 8 houses affected, requiring replacement of sections of pipe, and repairs to plasterboard etc. The affected houses are of varying age, the only common factor is the water. There have been concerns over the quantities of Chlorine in the water for several years since the installation of the new water mains. These leaks are very worrying, and it has been fortunate that the leaks have appeared whilst the houses are occupied, had they been unoccupied at the time of the leaks considerable damage would have been done.

Scottish water is not responsible for the condition of people's plumbing, but it does seem strange that we have had such a high percentage of the houses on Berneray affected (approx. 10%). There have also been reports of houses on North Uist affected too. We will be investigating this issue, to see if there is anything we can do to find the cause.

Ian to write to Scottish water to inform them of the issue.

Next meeting is on 11 March, at 7:30pm.