

**BERNERAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD BHEARNARAIGH**

**MINUTES
24th June 2019
at
Berneray Community Hall**

Present: Donald MacLean (Chair), Andrew Rodger (Vice), Ian Hoyle (Clerk), Mary McCormick, John MacLean, and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Pamela MacAskill (Treasurer), Margaret Paterson, Cllr Roddy MacKay Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Cllr Iain MacLeod.

1. Minutes read and approved.
2. We had a constructive meeting about the proposed 4g mast at the Harbour. Initially there were concerns that the Community council had not done enough to notify the island about the proposal. The CC had done more than was required
We explained the limits of our powers and responsibilities. The CC could not try to stop the development unless the majority of the community requested that we did.
We all agreed that the mast would be very visible, and a bit of an eyesore, and that other sites would be better, if there was a choice, but we also acknowledge that we need better 4G for the emergency services as well as for the island.
The CC decided to contact the planners and the developers to see if an alternative site could be found.
Andrew to contact the developers, again, to discuss the possibility of alternative sites.
Ian to contact the planners to see if the process could be slowed or delayed, to give time for negotiations with the developer.
3. Fishing in Loch Brusda has been Closed for 2 years, now, and several attempts at re-stocking have failed. This is losing some trade for local B+B's.
We need to delegate the responsibility for re-stocking to someone with more time and enthusiasm.

Next meeting is on 2nd September, at 7:30pm.