

Benera Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

18 March 2019

7.30-8.30pm at Benera Community Centre

Present

Fiona Douglas, Chair (FD)
Rhiannon Teather, Clerk (RT)
Phillip Dunn (PD)
Joan Macaulay (JM)
Neil James Macaulay (NJM)
Chrissie MacDonald (CMD)

Apologies

Cllr Angus Morrison
Cllr Ranald Fraser
Cllr Norman MacDonald
Callum Ritchings (CR)
Catriona Macleod (CM)
Madeleine Macaulay

Actions

- Broadband Letter still to be distributed to homes in Hacklete and Breaclete
- PD to send a list of possible questions to Andrea Rutherford in advance of event
- BCC meeting day changed to the second Thursday of every month

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 were approved by Phillip Dunn and seconded by Fiona Douglas.

Matters Arising

Finance

CR was not present to give a finance update. There was an unanswered query about the Challenge Fund.

Broadband

The public meeting has been arranged for the evening of Monday 8 April 2019 7.30-9.30pm. Andrea Rutherford has been booked in to answer questions and the event will be held at the Benera Community Centre Hall. The BCC Letter explaining the latest information about the rollout and publicising the event has been printed and distributed to all the villages except for Hacklete and Breaclete.

It was suggested that some questions be fielded with Andrea Rutherford prior to the meeting so she has some idea of what will be asked. It was discussed that there may be additional costs for residents to get connected from the road to the outside wall from the house if located far from the road; this requires clarification. We agreed it would be useful to know which ISPs will actually be able to provide the services; some members raised the point that the choice may be more restricted than has been suggested. A query was raised about who owns the cable and if it was possible to get this question answered at the meeting. We still do not know which houses will be excluded from the rollout.

It was decided we will not provide tea and coffee on the basis of the budget being unknown.

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Publicising role of Community Council

We decided that we would make a list of attendees for the Broadband event and provide the option of signing up to a mailing list for people who want to receive updates from BCC about Broadband and other local matters.

Membership of CC

CM cannot attend meetings on Mondays or Tuesdays because she is on the mainland. The Cllrs cannot attend on Wednesdays because of other CC meetings. We decided to move it to the second Thursday of the month.

War Memorial

JM spoke to Robin and provided photographs of the War Memorial. The contractors were able to fix the problem and turn the top around. The discussions remain ongoing. The contractors are waiting for a response for money to be reimbursed to the BCC. Misty has been spoken to about tidying up the base.

Road Signs

No Cllrs present to provide an update.

BCA News

Nothing to report.

AOCB

1. Time and Tide Bell. This meeting with Marcus Vergette went ahead as planned and the project has received funding for the bells. It is possible Benera might receive funding for a board to explain the Bell to visitors.
2. A red van has been dumped locally. FD to make contact with owner prior to contacting police to remove it.
3. Kirkibost Pier. Community Development Trust is still awaiting government decision on full funding.
4. Community Development Trust. FD to attend their meeting on Thursday. There is likely to be a public meeting with an update on the buyout soon.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11 April 2019