

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 9 January 2020
at Bernera Community Centre, 19.30-20.45.

Present: Joan Macaulay (Vice Chair, JM), Callum Richings (Treasurer, CR), Cllr Norman MacDonald (NMD), Rhiannon Teather (Secretary, RT), Philip Dunn (PD), Madeleine Macaulay (MA), Catriona Macleod (CM), Sue Long (SL) and Kevin Long (KL).

Apologies: Fiona Douglas (Chair), Cllr Angus Morrison, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Neil James Macaulay, Shona Cooksey, Virginia Allum and Finlay MacIver.

Approval of Previous Minutes	The minutes were approved by Catriona Macleod and seconded by Kevin Long.
Matters Arising	No matters arising.
Finance	Treasurer Callum Richings provided a finance update. The current balance is £1984. The cleaners have been paid. Cllr Angus Morrison previously replaced the defibrillator pads and the charity Lucky2behere are still to be paid (£35).
Social Media	PD is working on this. We were advised the Association of Community Councils may be able to provide some guidance and/or templates, and perhaps to coordinate with Uig Community Council. Follow-up with Derek Mackay for further info.
Petrol Pumps / Electrical Charge Point	SL provided an update from BCA. There is good news about the electronic charging point for vehicles, which should be up and running in the next two months. The Petrol Pumps have been passed on to the Development Trust, who may have better access to grants (all available funding options had been explored by BCA). The key issue is to establish the usage of the pumps to help reduce the cost of filing after 4-5yrs out of use. We all agreed this is an important facility for visitors and residents alike. We were advised the HIE might be the best option for funding.
Crown Estate Funding	The Comhairle has decided to allocate the majority of the £1.7m of Crown Estate Funding across the council nine wards. This equates to approx. £100,000 per ward, which has been earmarked for roads and their maintenance. This issue was discussed and members were concerned about the way the money intended for the 'benefit of coastal communities' had been allocated, and for road maintenance purposes. There is a very tight deadline for project applications for the remaining funding (March). We agreed RT would work together with The Great Bernera Development Trust and Bernera Community Association, and write a letter to be sent on behalf of our community to the Chief Executive expressing our views.

Challenge Fund	To be carried forward.
Deer and Speed Signs	This issue is being addressed (30 mph speed limit sign to be put on the back of the school speed sign in Breaclete) and Deer signs to be put between the Bridge and the Uig junction to warn residents/visitors of the hazard.
Drainage	RT contacted John Macleod (road signs) about this and the email was forwarded to the relevant department. Once we have received a reply, we will see what we can do to improve the situation for residents.
Benera Bridge	There will be some maintenance works on the bridge so it will be closed for a day. The date was moved to Tuesday 11 February. It will be possible to residents to cross over at the top of each hour.
Breaclete Glebe	To be carried forward.
AOCB	N/A. One member had expressed concerns about the holes in the Benera Bridge tarmac but these were filled in prior to the meeting.
Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 13 February 2020