

# Bernera Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

13 June 2019

7.30-8.50pm at Bernera Community Centre

## **Present**

Fiona Douglas, Chair (FD)  
Rhiannon Teather, Clerk (RT)  
Philip Dunn (PD)  
Catriona Macleod (CM)  
Madeleine Macaulay (MM)  
Joan Macaulay (JM)  
Cllr Norman MacDonald (NMD)  
Cllr Ranald Fraser (RF)  
Chrissie MacDonald (CMD)

## **Apologies**

Cllr Angus Morrison (AM)  
Callum Ritchings (CR)  
Neil James Macaulay (NJM)

## **Actions**

- RT to reply to Mr Campbell to request to go on the waiting list for the electrical goods skip
- Community Conversations publicity – all members encouraged to circulate this information as widely as possible
- FD to create a flyer for Challenge Fund to distribute to community for ideas; end of June deadline for ideas; boxes for shop, cafe and community centre; responses to be sorted out by email later

## **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019 were approved by Fiona Douglas and seconded by Catriona Macleod. There was one correction to the previous minutes: the prospective plot for affordable housing refers to the Free Church land, not the church building.

## **Matters Arising**

Red Van. Notice now issued, 2 months waiting period before it can be removed.

Electrical good skip query answered by Iain N Campbell. The small enclosed skip would be roughly 12ft x 6ft - due to current demand there are none available at the moment. We can add our details to the waiting list.

Community Conversations Meeting. This was originally scheduled for Thursday 20th June but due to clash with the Great Bernera Development Trust AGM, this has been moved to the following week, Thursday 27th June 2019. This event needs to be publicised.

Fuel Pumps. FD contacted Ken of BCA; Highland Fuels have declined to help with Fuel Pumps; Challenge Fund probably not appropriate but it was established that funds for the project are the obstacle to progress.

## **Finance**

CR was not present to provide a finance update.

## **Broadband**

The testing is currently underway and it should be available to order by the end of the month. It is possible for residents to register their address with BT.

### **Membership of CC**

There is an election at the end of October. This will be advertised locally in the Gazette etc., Any residents eligible to vote can put themselves forward with a seconder. We will need at least four nominees. The process is managed by the main Council.

### **War Memorial**

There is no news because of delays. The repair has been completed but money from the Challenge Fund still outstanding. The tidying up (lights, paint, gate) is still to be done, ideally to be completed before November. The Memorial Fund had specifications associated with not changing the gates and railings. The funding was only sufficient to fix the actual memorial; we may need to apply for separate funding for the gates.

### **Challenge Fund**

Uig and Bernera Football club. An option discussed. The existing pitch would need to be lengthened (play park took some land) but this would cost a lot of money. Home games are currently played at Carloway. 2000 pounds has to be matched. It was agreed ideas should be put out to the whole community. The deadline is in August. FD to create a flyer and place this in the surgery, café etc.

### **Road Signs**

Kirkibost. It was explained that the problem with this is that it is not a village sign but a road sign.

Junior Club Sign. There was previous discussion about putting the sign near the bridge. The road end to bridge is currently accumulating a lot of litter. It was suggested a possible Challenge Fund project would be to fund an anti-littering sign in this location.

### **BCA News**

An electric charge point for cars will be at the Community Centre, located on the kitchen side. BCA are currently waiting on the works. Some communities also have a car available for use by residents, this possibility was discussed.

### **AOCB**

Development Trust. AGM next Thursday and there will be a buyout update then.

Breaclete Loch. The remaining Fish Farm anchors were discussed and the fact they are located across the loch. It was noted that a dog swimming in the loch got entangled and that it is quite dangerous. It was discussed that the difficulty in solving this issue is identifying who is responsible for removing the anchors and whether the relevant company (who removed the cages) are still in business.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12 September 2019**